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CONDITIONS OF PEACE.

No Discussion of Terms Held as Yet—Delays for Peace—No Counsel Offered by the Press.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The *Official Journal* of Paris says that no conditions of peace have as yet been discussed.

A number of the journals of the north of France denounce the recent decrees by M. GAMBETTA, and urge that the country needs and desires peace.

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—The *Prussian Cross Gazette* denies that the Czar has written to the Emperor WILLIAM counselling moderation in dealing with vanquished France.

Efforts of Great Britain to Secure Peace—The Conference Discussed as a Mistake.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The *Times* of today contains a dispatch from Berlin, which says that previous to the capitulation of Paris, the Government of England suggested to the Powers the expediency of taking action in the interest of peace, and recommended the granting of lenient terms to France. To facilitate the requisite negotiations the Powers were asked to give such instructions to their representatives in the London Conference would enable them to take action on the whole subject.

Bismarck and the Confederates to Aid France—Resignation of Jules Favre as Minister of the Interior.

LONDON, Feb. 6—8 P. M.—The *Standard* is informed that Gen. BEAUREGARD has notified a large number of Confederate officers to be ready to come to France, in case hostilities should be renewed and that many are now in London awaiting orders.

The Burgomaster of Brussels has gone to Paris.

JULES FAVRE has resigned the Ministry of the Interior, but will remain Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Minister Washburne Still Territorial Regent on the Continent as Islands of America—He Leaves Bonn for the Evacuation of the Minister Decision.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Much has been said in the Press and Congressional debate as to the purpose of North Germany in acquiring territory in America for naval purposes. These publications having come to the knowledge of Count BISMARCK, he has recently taken occasion to repeat in an emphatic manner his declaration of July, 1869, that North Germany does not intend to acquire any territory on the continent, or possession of any of the adjacent islands. This course on her part is to avoid interference with the Monroe doctrine, or any measure of acquisition which our Government may choose to adopt.

FRENCH DISSENSIONS.

All the Moderates Against Gambetta—A Decree Annulling His Decree—Preparations of the Extremists—Complaints of the Weakness of the Government in Signing the Armistice.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—A decree, signed by all the Ministers here, has been promulgated, annulling GAMBETTA's decree on electoral disabilities. It maintains the supreme authority of the Paris Government, and declares that the elections shall be unrestricted.

It is believed that neither the Government of National Defense, the Red Republicans, nor the Imperialists have any chance of carrying the elections.

The public favor the Moderate Party, condemn the weakness of the Government, and complain that they were not consulted on the capitulation and armistice.

Demonstration in Favor of Gambetta in Montauban—He Holds a Council of War as Fendi by the Armistice—Reported Resignation of Jules Favre.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 6.—The demonstration today in favor of the Bordeaux Government and its decree disqualifying office-holders under the Empire from election to the National Assembly, was of a quite unimportant character. The procession consisted of about 700 persons, and was headed by a Garibaldian Colonel named MIDDLETON. The rest of the crowd in the streets were mere spectators. The Prefect of Bordeaux received the deputation, and M. GAMBETTA being engrossed by public duties, the Prefect read the following declaration from M. GAMBETTA on behalf of the Bordeaux delegation: "Faithful to the programme of the nation and of freedom to arms as well as to the ballot-boxes, we are now occupied in council of war, deliberating upon the means of profiting by the armistice."

M. CREMIEUX left this city last night for Paris.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Paris letters of the 3d inst. state that M. DORIAN has assumed the portfolio of Public Works temporarily, during the absence of M. MAQUIN, and that M. FERDINAND HEROLD succeeds JULES FAVRE, who has tendered his resignation.

Threatened Abrogation of the Armistice—Gambetta's Decree to be Rescinded by Favre.

VERSAILLES, Feb. 5.—The following statement is official:

The duality of the French Government will apparently lead the Administration at Bordeaux to a non-observance of the convention entered into by the Germans and the authorities at Paris. The Convention only looked to negotiations for a free Assembly, and an arbitrarily constituted body, under the dictation of M. GAMBETTA, is not entitled to such a title. M. FAVRE has informed Count VON BISMARCK that he will rescind the decrees issued by M. GAMBETTA. The confusion is, however, probably only removable by the adjournment of the elections.

Disorderly Proceedings in Bordeaux—Action of the Foreign Representatives at Bordeaux.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A telegram just received from Bordeaux contains information of a serious disturbance which occurred in that city last evening.

The city has been in an unusual state of agitation for some days past, but nothing of any importance took place, neither were any demonstrations of notable magnitude made by the populace. Last night, about 8 o'clock, however, the crowds which had been gathering fresh food for excitement from the recent important events which have been transpiring, gathered in the streets, and massed in one vast mob to the Prefecture. Here they halted, and immediately the uproar and excitement commenced in all its fury. Vehement denunciations of the compact made at Versailles resounded on all sides, and deep and dire the threats uttered against the falsenes and treachery which had suggested it, and betrayed France to the hand of her oppressor. The excitement raged throughout the evening, and even this morning is hardly abated. It is now fairly evident that the influence which might have been used by the Paris Government in the present crisis is now utterly impotent, and will fail when applied to this city or any of the towns in the surrounding provinces.

The feeling of distrust in the Government in general, and their every action is looked upon with suspicion. This participation in the Bordeaux negotiations has cast over their subsequent actions a sinister character which adheres even to those of the future, and which will probably be the means of entirely excluding them from what might otherwise have proved an harmonious cooperation with the Bordeaux delegation in the future management of national affairs.

Several newspapers have been seized for publishing the official notification conveyed by M. JULES SIMON to GAMBETTA of the revocation of the power formerly enjoyed by the Bordeaux delegation, and also announcing the assumption by the Paris Government of the supreme executive power of the nation.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 6—The Austrian, Spanish and Italian diplomatic representatives, resident in this city, acting under instructions received from their respective Governments, have informed M. CHANDORDY that they are accredited by the Paris Government only, and that if a Committee of Public Safety be formed as proposed they will leave the city.—*Free Press.*

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

Candidates Nominated in Paris and Other Parts of France—The Elections in Paris Postponed.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 6.—The *Independance Belge* publishes the following list of candidates for the Constituent Assembly, named in Paris on Wednesday of last week:

Jules Favre, Isaac Adolphe Cremieux, Alexandre Glais-Bizoin, Louis Joseph Ernest Picard, Jules Simon, Pierre Clement Eugene Pelletan, Emanuel Arago, Louis Antoine Garnier-Pages, Jules Ferry, Henri Rochefort, Admiral Saisset, Admiral de la Roniere de Noury, Admiral Pothouan.

The following-named persons have been put in nomination from other parts of France: MM. Faustin, Lillie, Lifloude, Berthelot, and Thiers; and the following well-known financiers, civil engineers and journalists: Alphonse Rothschild, Jacques Mallet, Antoine Emile Solacroup, M. Pierrad and Francois-Clement Sauvage; John Emile Lomenne, of the *Debats*; Claudius Hebrard, Louis Marcein Carne, Bon-Louis-Henri Martin, Desmarets, Vacheal and Lochin.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The elections in Paris are postponed until the 8th inst.

Opinion of a Prominent Candidate on the Republic.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A Paris letter of Wednesday says that M. LEMONNIER, in an article published in the *Debats*, writes that the Republic is a failure, and that the ORLEANS family is the only hope of France.

PARIS.

Rochefort to Establish a Regicide Paper—Tranquility Since the Armistice—The Political Clubs.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—HENRI ROCHEFORT announces the forthcoming issue of a new paper, entitled the *Mot d'Ordre*, which will advocate regicide.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Telegraph* writes, on the 3d of February, that since the conclusion of the armistice tranquillity has prevailed. The decree closing the clubs had been rescinded, because the occasional open-air meetings which had been held threatened to become turbulent.

Germans Aided by Mr. Washburne During the Siege—Acknowledgment by a German Journal.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The Cologne *Gazette* acknowledges in glowing terms the fact that United States Minister WASHBURNE has, during the siege of Paris, given needed succor to seventeen hundred Germans.

Movements of Minister Washburne—He Leaves Paris on the 9th.

LONDON, Feb. 6, 1871.—A telegram has been received in this city from Minister WASHBURNE, the United States diplomatic representative in Paris. He leaves that city on Wednesday, the 9th inst., for Brussels.—*Free Press.*

THE FUGITIVE ARMIES.

A French Colonel in Luxembourg—Temporizing with Prisoners—Condition of the French in Switzerland—Why Bourbaki Failed.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A dispatch from Luxemburg, 6th, announces that the Government of the Grand Duchy has withdrawn the exequatur of the French Vice-Consul, in consequence of his having tampered with the French prisoners interned within its territory.

BERNE, Feb. 4, via LONDON, Feb. 5.—There are now 66,000 French soldiers in Switzerland. The men are very badly clad, and the Swiss Government has asked the French authorities to send clothing for their use. The Germans continued hostilities on the 3d and 3d inst. There are 200 wounded French soldiers in hospital at Neuenburg, Baden.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 5.—The *Independance Belge* has a letter from Lyons which says that one cause of the failure of BOURBAKI's campaign was the absconding of an army contractor with a large sum of money. The same letter says Gen. KELLER, now at Lyons, will probably take command of the Alsace region.

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Agreement in the Conference on the Essential Points of the Black Sea Question.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 6.—The *Independance Belge* of today says the essential points of the Black Sea question have been already arranged by the London Conference.

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—The *Prussian Cross Gazette* confirms the report that all material questions before the Conference have been arranged.

War Predictions—Turkey Next Spring—England and the United States in Autumn.

VIENNA, Feb. 6.—The *Neue Wiener Tageblatt* confidently predicts a Turkish war in the Spring, and another between England and the United States next Autumn.

ARABIA.

Capture of Muscat by the Forces of Syud Thoorah.

BOMBAY, Feb. 6.—The forces of SYUD THOORAH have captured the City of Muscat.

SAN DOMINGO AND HAYTI.

Cabral Driven to the Haytian Frontier—Salnave's Relatives in Revolt—Burning of an English Steamer.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 6.—Advices from San Domingo state that CABRAL has been driven to the Haytian frontier and that his troops are in a bad plight.....A fresh attempt has been made at revolution in Hayti. This time by the relatives and adherents of SALNAVE, who are reported to be marching on Port-au-Prince....The steam-ship *Henry Chauncey* arrived here today, and will sail this afternoon.....The English steamer *Tolon* caught fire at Savannah la Mar. The vessel and cargo were burned.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

Another Battle in Bolivia—The Celebrated Revolutionists—A Formidable Alliance Collated.

PANAMA, Feb. 1, via HAVANA, Feb. 6.—There is news from Bolivia that another battle has been fought at Oruro, in which the Government forces were victorious. In the battle at Curagara the Government troops were routed, and many prisoners were taken.....The revolutionists of Colombia have organized a Provisional Government. The adherents of the legitimate Government are preparing for an obstinate resistance.....There is a rumor that Ecuador, Brazil and Peru have formed an alliance against Colombia.....The Governments of San Salvador and Bolivia have agreed upon a new treaty of amity and commerce.....The steamer *Elector*, of Glasgow, and the *John Elder*, of the Pacific Navigation Company, came in collision off the mouth of the Narrone River. All on board were saved except a mother and child.....The United States steamer *Nipsic* sailed on the 26th ult. for the Atrato River.

CUBA.

Official Announcement of the Battle of Najasa—Surrender of Five Hundred Revolutionists.

HAVANA, Feb. 6.—It is officially announced that an engagement took place at Nejasa, San Germino, and that seventy-nine insurgents were killed and fifteen taken prisoners. The Spaniards had two killed and eleven wounded. Five hundred persons identified with the republic have surrendered recently.

Wreck of a Schooner on Cayo Blanco.

HAVANA, Feb. 6.—The schooner *Ralph Souder*, with machinery, from Philadelphia for Trinidad, went ashore at Cayo Blanco.

MEXICO.

Excitement Over the Elections Drying Out—Romero's Administration of the Finances a Failure—Another Earthquake—Corn Importations in Yucatan—The Murder of Gen. Patoni.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 20.—The election excitement is dying off. The prospects of JUAREZ are brighter. The friends of DIAZ, at the proper time, will use their utmost to elect him President of the Supreme Court. Adherents of JUAREZ are making efforts to oust ROMERO and MEJIA from the Cabinet. ROMERO is to replenish the Treasury by the sale of Church property. It is generally conceded that ROMERO as a Minister of Finance is a failure.....DIAZ, in an official card, denies that the Cabinet has held meetings on the Zona Liber question.....There was an earthquake at Oaxaca on the 15th. No lives were lost.....The free importation of corn into Yucatan is permitted for five months from the 1st of April next. Gen. PAZ has been appointed Governor of the Federal District. VELEZ resigning.....The widow of the murdered Gen. PATONI has arrived in the capital, and is trying to obtain justice against CERRO.....Another section of the Mexico and Vera Cruz Railroad is finished.

CANADA.

Small-Pox Spreading in St. John, N. B.—Railway from Fredericton to Rivier du Loup—Quiet Mystery—Arrival of a Box Capable for Disposing of Part of a Cargo.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 6.—The small-pox is spreading rapidly and appears peculiarly infectious, but not as yet very fatal. The physicians appointed by the Board of Health take charge of patients, and efforts are being made to procure a building for a hospital.....A company has been formed to construct a railway from Fredericton to the Rivier du Loup. The prospectus published today excites much attention.....The Commercial Bank was entered by burglars and a large amount of money and securities were taken.....The Captain of the bark *Wild Hunter*, 140 days from Liverpool, has been arrested on the charge of disposing of a portion of his cargo at St. Johns, N. F.

Fishing Law Violations—Trials of Offending Vessels.

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—A Halifax dispatch says that the trials in the case of the fishing schooners *J. H. Nickerson*, *A. H. Wonson*, and *A. J. Franklin* are finished, and that all three will probably be condemned.

Probable Resignation of Gov. Stevenson, of Kentucky—The Catholic Status.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 6.—Gov. STEVENSON, it is reported, will resign on Monday, 13th.....The marble statue of Hon. JAMES GUTHRIE arrived today from Italy via New-Orleans.

Reported Serious Disaster on the Hudson River Railroad.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 7—1 A. M.—A serious disaster is reported on the Hudson River Railroad. A reporter has been sent to the scene, but no particulars have yet been received.

Free Sons of Israel—Secession of Ten Philadelphia Lodges—Organization of the "Improved Free Sons of Israel."

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—Some members of the influential Order of "Independent Free Sons of Israel" of this city have, for some time, endeavored to improve the principles of the organization by the adoption of an endowment plan for the benefit of the widows of deceased brethren. This has been opposed by the New-York lodges of the Order, and the dispute has culminated in ten lodges of Philadelphia breaking off from the New-York Order and forming a new organization, in which they are joined by lodges in St. Louis and Pittsburg. They style it the "Improved Order of Free Sons of Israel," and number 300 members. The secession was celebrated by a banquet last evening.

FIRES.

Burning of a Block in East Saginaw, Mich.—Loss $40,000—A Railroad Station Burned in Galesburg, Ill.—Warehouse Destroyed.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 6.—Hovey Block, in East Saginaw, was destroyed by fire, Sunday morning. Total loss, $40,000; insurance, $20,000.....The station buildings of the Michigan Central Railroad at Galesburg were destroyed by fire last night. Loss small.

WISCASSET, Me., Feb. 6.—On Saturday night the farm-house of DAVID BAILEY, Jr., in Wiscasset, was destroyed by fire, with the contents. The property was uninsured.

Large Fire in Geneva—A Large Flour-and-Meal-Mill, Elevator and Malt-House, the Canal Collector's Office and Other Buildings Destroyed—Twelve Horses Burned to Death—Loss Over $100,000—Insurance $70,950.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 6.—The *Democrat* of this morning gives from a correspondent an account of a disastrous fire which occurred in the town of Geneva early on Saturday morning. The fire was first discovered in the hay-loft of a barn near the Canal Collector's office, and there being a heavy north-west wind at the time, it spread with great rapidity, and quickly destroyed this barn and another near it, both on the west bank of the canal, the Canal Collector's office, and the large monster building of Messrs. FIELD & APPLEGE, comprising an extensive steam flour mill, elevator and malt-house, under one roof, were completely enveloped in flames. The office and ice-house of Messrs. CONGER & MCKAY were also destroyed. From thence the fire spread to the lumber and shingle piles of the same firm, and here, by persistent efforts of the firemen, together with the assistance of many citizens, the further progress of the fire was arrested.

The main losers by this fire are Messrs. FIELD & APPLEGE. The building was erected by Hon. P. H. FIELDS, in 1864, the original design being an elevator and malt-house, and it was used for these purposes alone up to within three years past. It was five stories high, a first-class building, covering more than one-fourth acre of ground, and before remodeled cost some $52,000. Between two and three years ago, Mr. APPLEGE, returning from the West, while looking about for a convenient place to establish a grain mill, was directed toward this building. FIELD was easily induced to form a copartnership with Mr. APPLEGE. The result was that about two years ago there was started in this building one of the best equipped, and consequently one of the most effective mills in the State, involving an additional outlay of nearly $40,000 beyond the original cost. At the time of the fire the firm had on hand several thousand bushels of barley, full as much or more corn, 1,000 bushels of wheat, together with a very large quantity of flour and other mill products. Their loss, at the least calculation, will reach the enormous sum of $100,000. Insurance, $70,950.

In the barns of Mr. OUTHWAITE, which were comparatively good buildings, and of considerable extent, were confined thirteen horses, twelve of which perished in the flames. One which was rescued, was the poorest of the lot. Mr. OUTHWAITE estimates his loss on the three buildings and contents at full $40,000; insurance $7,500. WM. BAKER, in moving his stock of grocries from the basement of the Collector's office probably sustained a loss of $600; insurance, $1,000. Messrs. CONGER & MCKAY's loss in office and ice-house was about $1,400, on which they had but $400 insurance. Their loss on lumber sheds and shingles will be equaled or exceeded by their insurance, which is $2,000.

We append a list of the insurance companies who suffer loss. Those marked with a star indicate the full amount of insurance, and which are but partial losses. The rest of the companies lose the full amounts of their liabilities: Putnam, Hartford, $2,500; Security, New-York, $2,000*; Ins. Co. of Hartford, $5,000; North British, $7,500; Commonwealth, New-York, $1,500; Norwich, of Norwich, $2,500; North American, Philadelphia, $2,500; Astor, of New-York, $2,500; Williamsburg City, $2,500; Lycoming, of Pennsylvania, $5,000; Farmers' of Pennsylvania, $2,450; International, $3,000; Franklin, Pennsylvania, $2,500; Westchester, New-York, $1,500; People's, $1,200; First National, $1,200; Royal, $2,500; Western, $2,500; Albany City, $1,500; North American, Hartford, $1,000; Metropolitan, New-York, $1,000; Republic, $2,000; Home, New-York, $400; German, New-York, $1,000*; Yonkers, New-York, $1,000*.....Total insurance, $70,950.

The Partial Burning of the Cadet Barracks at West Point.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 6.—One of the sentinels at West Point discovered smoke issuing from an upper story in the angle building of the cadet barracks, about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The alarm was at once sounded, and the whole garrison turned out. The intense cold had frozen up the fire-engine, and no succor was looked for in that quarter. A line was formed, and vast quantities of snow were thrown upon the flames, but even that did not stop their progress. They raged with great fury, consuming everything within their reach, till finally the fire-engine was thawed out, and then it did good execution, but not before great damage had ensued, the whole upper stories of the barracks being destroyed. Loss $50,000.

MARKET ACCOMMODATIONS.

An Immense Meeting of Long Island Farmers at Newtown, L. I.—The Demand for a New Market in New-York City—An Important Movement Fairly Started.

The subject of bringing the producer and consumer of market produce into closer relationship inds fair to be now agitated in a manner that cannot but prove advantageous to both. A number of meetings have been held lately by the Long Island farmers, with a view to decisive action in that direction.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon JOHN O'DONNELL, a local editor of some importance, called the large number of farmers who had congregated in the large room of the Newtown, L. I., Hall, to order, and ROBERT WILLETS, Esq., was called to the chair. WYCKOFF, of Kings, and SAMUEL E. HAUDERVERES were chosen Vice-Presidents, and A. E. SMITH, of Flushing, and J. B. COORNS, of Hempstead, were elected as Secretaries. The meeting was an adjourned one. The objects were stated by the Chair. The Committee on Resolutions, which had been appointed at the last meeting, and consisted of John O'Donnell, J. H. Lott, Fred. Reno, Robert Willets, J. C. Hendrickson, Robert Pearsall, Jacob Remsen, H. L. Wyckoff and H. Van Brunt, reported a preamble and resolutions, of which the following is a synopsis: They recited the great difficulties and grievances to which the farmers and market-gardeners are subjected by the cities of New-York and Brooklyn. They ask that these cities be requested to provide ample market grounds for the sole use of the farmers of Long Island, to be called "The Farmers' Market-square." A large number of speakers, most of them practical farmers, addressed the meeting, the farmers as a general thing being in favor of some plan by which their produce could be sold by themselves from their wagons.

CHARLES VANDERVOORT, of the Fifteenth Ward Market Association, advocated the selection of that market by the Long Island farmers. He said that the market was to be 200 by 1,300 feet, and that one-half of it would be set apart for farmers' wagons, from which produce could be sold by the farmers.

P. J. AMIAUX, who represented the Manhattan Island Association, stated that it was incorporated with a capital of $250,000—$100,000 of which has been subscribed. Their market will be situated between Eleventh and Thirteenth avenues and Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets, and will be the finest market building in the world. They have contracted for its construction; it will be 200 by 1,300 feet in size. He said that $300,000 of the capital had been received for the Long Island farmers, by which means they could own their stalls. The Association was prepared to give them what they wanted. He asked for a committee to meet them. JOHN H. SHELLEY, in behalf of citizens of the Eighteenth Ward, offered street accommodations for the farmers' wagons.

ORANGE JUDD thought the practical solution of the question would be for farmers to build their own market, and as an earnest he would subscribe $5,000 toward the capital necessary. He thought if a subscription was started, from $150,000 to $200,000 could be raised at that meeting.

The large hall was nearly filled, a large part of the audience standing. It is thought that 1,000 farmers were present from nearly every township on the island.

FREEZING WEATHER.

The Extreme Cold of the Past Two Days.

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.

Pleasures and Pains of the Period—Splendid Skating—Suffering and Death—Reports from All Parts of the Country.

The cold snap of this wintry period has had free course since Saturday. Between midnight on Sunday and yesterday's dawn, the thermometer made its lowest descent, it is to be hoped, for the season. The mercury seemed to drop, almost, instead of gliding down. Every fresh breeze from the north seemed breathed from the gaps of an archipelago of icebergs. The winds swept with almost scorpion stings, eating into the very pores of shivering mortals, and setting their fangs sharply and deeply into the vitals of the very beasts of burden. Sunday was the coldest day in February for ten years past, and the coldest day in any month since 1866. Yesterday morning the thermometer indicated only 5° above, and at noon but 12° above zero. At 3 o'clock P. M. it arose to 18° above; at 6 P. M. it was 22°; at 9 P. M. it was 19°; at midnight it was 15°.

In the suburban districts the temperature was below zero from one to three degrees. Such intense cold is a rarity with us. Occasionally, however, Jack Frost sets his nerves until our harbor and rivers are fettered with ice-bands. In the years 1852, 1853, 1856, 1857 and 1867, there were ice-bridges between Brooklyn and New-York. In 1780 loaded teams crossed the ice for a fortnight, at least, between New-York and Staten Island; also, to Jersey City, as also in 1821 and 1857 the ice was passable.

The following table shows the temperature at 7 o'clock A. M., on each 5th of February during the past ten years:

	Degrees.		Degrees.
1871	2	1866	7
1870	28	1865	22
1869	18	1864	22
1868	18	1863	8
1867	25	1862	24

Feb. 6, 1861, it was 2° below zero. The previous cold days this year were Jan. 10, 8° above; Jan. 23, 9°, and Jan. 28, 7°. The most remarkable cold day since 1840 was the 6th of January, 1857, when the thermometer ranged as follows: At 7 A. M., 2° below zero; at noon, 6° above; at 3 P. M., 12° above, and at 9 P. M., 10° above. Everything, animate and inanimate, seemed shrivelled up during the past forty-eight hours, from the pulverized and frozen mud and snow crystals in the streets, to the poor half-frozen creatures who had to face it perforce. There was a great quantity of ice in the rivers and bay. The Astoria Ferry was obliged to suspend their trips. All the other boats were much impeded.

A large field of ice floated down near the Communipaw Ferry last evening, and upon it was mistaken by some people for a prostrate human form. A boat's crew put out to it and discovered an old coat and hat, which are supposed to have belonged to some of the ill-fated party who were carried away on the ice from Congers on Saturday.

Yesterday morning, about 9 o'clock, JOHN CONNOLLY and two other carmen were passing by the North Shore (Staten Island) people with the NEW-YORK TIMES and other papers, while crossing the Kills at Port Richmond, got wedged in the ice with their small boat, and would have all frozen to death if it had not been for Capt. BROWN, of the steamer *Gaskion*, who took them in tow and landed them at Port Richmond. They were all well stiffened with the cold.

PATRICK TIERNEY, a vagrant, about forty years old, was found at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in a dying state in the house of Forty-third-street, East River, perishing from the effects of the cold. He was at once removed to the Nineteenth Precinct Station-house, but died before assistance could be procured.

It is reported that there are now in Port Jefferson Harbor, one-hundred-and-twenty schooners, 19 sloops, a number of yachts, 3 sloop yachts and 2 steam yacht.

The skating community intend to make up for the time lost last week through the rainy and foggy weather, by availing themselves of the additional facilities furnished by the severe weather of the past few days. Yesterday, despite the severity of the weather, the Central Park and Prospect Park skating ponds were liberally patronized, the sheltered locality of the Prospect Park lakes occasioning a large gathering of skaters, the ice being in a very good condition, though a little crisp and hard. The Rinks were very largely attended, the protection afforded from the keen northerly blasts during severe cold, rendering these localities very desirable resorts for skating purposes. The carnivals in order on the programme of last week are to be features of the present week. Yesterday, the Carnivals of Carnival took place on the Capitoline Lake, and the occasion led to a very large gathering of ladies in the warm reception-rooms of the Capitoline Buildings. At the Brooklyn Rink, too, there was a goodly attendance in the afternoon. Today the juvenile are to have a gala time at the Brooklyn Rink, the occasion being the grand juvenile fantastique, or boys' and girls' carnival on ice. The matinee at this rink on Saturday was attended by 1,270 people, and another is to be given on next Saturday.

Last night there was a gay and festive time at Brady's Rink, the attraction being a trial of skill in fancy skating between MOSER, SCHAFER and FERRER. The cold weather has enabled the rink proprietors to lay up a store of thick, clear ice, likely to carry them through to the Spring month. The patrons of the Empire Rink will regret to learn that in consequence of a dangerous accumulation of snow on the roof of the building, the proprietors have been obliged to clear the rink until the next thaw enables them to repair damages. In the meantime the ice will be allowed to gather in thickness preparatory for use later in the month. Many of the Empire Rink members have, in consequence, transferred themselves to the Central Park Pond. The Fifth-avenue Pond has been largely patronized of late, and now that there is no rink up town, that popular locality will be crowded.

The skating event of the season will be the assembling of the Congress on Thursday next at the Hoffman House. When the meeting adjourns the delegates will visit the Brooklyn Rink, by invitation of President NORMAN, and quite a gala time is to be had. They will also visit the several skating ponds and the Jersey City Rink, besides being the recipients of attentions at the hands of the New-York and other local skating clubs.

Low Temperature Prevailing Generally—Stalling Weather on Mount Washington—A Gale that Banishes Sleep.

WISCASSET, Me., Feb. 6.—The mercury indicated 6° below zero at 9 o'clock Saturday night, and 10° below Sunday morning. A violent north-west wind prevailed during both days. There has been no mail communication westward since Friday. The Kennebec River is frozen over at Bath, and the ferry-boats cannot run.

CONCORD, Feb. 6.—The thermometer in this city yesterday morning indicated 10° below zero. Plymouth reports 17° below at 8 A. M.; Lancaster at 7½ A. M. 24° below; Northumberland, same hour, 19° below; Littleton, 17° below. The frequent gusts of high north-west wind make the low temperature the severest ever known here.

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 6.—The thermometer sank to 8° below zero here last night at midnight.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 6.—Cold weather prevails here. A slight fall of snow last night followed by sleet.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, Feb. 5—7 P. M.—Barometer, 22.74; change, minus 38; thermometer, 1°; change, minus 9°; relative humidity, 75; wind west south-west; velocity, 55 miles per hour. Last night we had one of those gales that keeps us wide awake when it might be more agreeable to sleep. It was quite cool this morning, minus 20°, wind blowing eight miles per hour. There were clouds on the mountain all day.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, Feb. 6—7 P. M.—Barometer, 22.88; change, minus 25; thermometer, minus 40°; change, minus 46°; relative humidity, 8; wind north-west; velocity, 72 miles an hour. Has been intensely cold today. The wind was blowing severely in such an atmosphere it would not take many minutes for a person to be numbered among the things that were. The clouds have been very light all day, and now the moon can be dimly seen.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Feb. 6.—The weather took a Scotch turn on Saturday. Saturday evening the mercury fell to 11° below zero—and that night, the north wind blowing, was one of the severest of the season. Yesterday morning at sunrise the mercury stood at 11° below zero, and hardly rose above zero during the day, standing at 20° below at 10 o'clock last evening.

LANCASTER, Penn., Feb. 6.—The thermometer stood two degrees above zero this morning. Today was the coldest day of the season.

Cold of Freezing in Onondaga Valley—Have, Hands and Legs Badly Frozen.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Yesterday was the coldest day of the season. JOHN WARD, of Onondaga Valley, was found about 4 o'clock in the morning, lying near doors, near the tavern at the Valley, his hands and feet and ears badly frozen, and one side of his face frozen somewhat. He was at once taken to his residence, and such remedies applied as were thought best on the moment; though they did not prove to be quite the right ones to bring out the frost for best results; and it is thought quite likely the unfortunate man may lose both his hands and ears, and likely one or both of his legs.

Lower from Mount Washington—Fifty-nine Degrees Below Zero on Sunday Morning With a One Hundred Mile Gale.

SUMMIT MOUNT WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Observations taken at 7 P. M.: Barometer, 22.66, being a change of 8 plus 24; thermometer, 11°; relative humidity, 32; wind, west, north-west; velocity of wind, thirty-five miles per hour. When on Saturday the thermometer fell to 40° below zero, we thought it had reached its lowest point, but it continued to fall until, at 8 A. M. on Sunday, it was 59° below zero. During the night the gusts of wind must have been more than 100 miles per hour. This is probably the severest weather ever experienced, as a temperature of 70° below zero, the lowest record, when it was comparatively calm, would be no comparison to 40° below zero, accompanied by a terrific wind. It is perfectly clear to-night above, and there are but few clouds in the valley.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Monday, Feb. 6, at 11:47 o'clock:

Place of Observation.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity.	Force of the Wind.	Direction of the Wind.	State of the Weather
	R.	R.	R.	R.			
Augusta, Ga.	30.17	39	30	N.W.	Gentle.		Cloudy.
Baltimore	30.24	27	24	Calm	Calm		Clear.
Boston, Mass.	30.22	19	17	N.	Gentle.		Clear.
Buffalo	30.17	12	10	N. E.	Gentle.		Fair.
Charleston	30.18	49	47	N. E.	Brisk.		Fair.
Cheyenne	28.42	22	21	Very gentle	Very gentle		Clear.
Chicago	30.26	20	18	S.	Gentle.		Clear.
Cincinnati, O.	30.20	31	28	S. E.	Gentle.		Clear.
Cleveland	30.22	17	14	S. E.	Gentle.		Clear.
Corinne	28.23	18	17	N. E.	Gentle.		Cloudy.
Detroit	30.26	11	9	N. E.	Gentle.		Clear.
Duluth, Minn.	30.29	20			Calm.		Cloudy.
Galena, Ill.	30.22	20	18	S.	Calm.		Clear.
Knoxville, Tenn.	30.30	41	38	N. E.	Calm.		Cloudy.
Lake City, Fla.	30.40	50			Calm.		Clear.
Milwaukee	30.26	20	18	S.	Brisk.		Cloudy.
Mobile, Ala.	30.27	52	50	S.	Very gentle		Clear.
Nashville	30.24	37	34	N. E.	Brisk.		Cloudy.
New-Orleans	30.32	56	54	N. E.	Gentle.		Clear.
New-York	30.20	15	13	N. W.	Brisk.		Clear.
Omaha	29.41	14	13	N. E.	Brisk.		Cloudy.
Philadelphia	30.26	20	17	N. W.	Very gentle		Clear.
Pittsburg	30.20	20	18	N. E.	Very gentle		Fair.
Rochester, N. Y.	30.09	17	15	N.	Very gentle		Fair.
San Francisco		51	48	N.			Rain.
Savannah	30.32	47	44	N. E.	Brisk.		Clear.
St. Louis	30.19	20	18	E.	Gentle.		Cloudy.
St. Paul	30.29	18	16	W.	Gentle.		Cloudy.
Toledo, O.	30.24	18			Calm.		Clear.
Washington	30.29	22			Calm.		Clear.
Westchester, N. Y.	30.27	16	14	E.	Gentle.		Cloudy.
New-London	30.28	18	16	N.	Brisk.		Clear.
Mt. Washington	28.88	15	8	N.	Very brisk.		Clear.
Norfolk	30.32	35	32	N. W.	Gentle.		Clear.

Barometer corrected for temperature and elevation.

HARVESTING THE ICE.

The Fields on the Hudson—Lively Scenes at Rockland Lake—The Process of Gathering the Material—Machinery and Appliances Used—Quantity in the Storehouses—The Work Nearly Completed—An Unusual Supply Obtained.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ROCKLAND LAKE, N. Y., Monday, Feb. 6, 1871.

This week we have the full harvest-moon of the ice season. The entire Hudson River crop is so nearly gathered that four days, if good weather continued, will fill every storehouse with a better quality of ice than has been gathered for years past. The Hudson River, and the various lakes, creeks, and ponds adjacent, form the greatest ice-fields on this continent. New-York City cannot be supplied from other sources at reasonable rates. The moderate distance and cheap river transportation renders this region the only available field. The few inland ponds that enter into competition are of inconsiderable proportions and of lesser consequence.

Rockland Lake is one of the oldest and finest ice reservoirs along the river. Its circumference is nearly three miles, and it has an area of 283 acres, in an almost oval shape. It is a very spring of clear water which overrunn through a brooklet that wanders through Rockland County, increasing in size until after crossing the New-Jersey State line, where it is known as the Hackensack River. Level plateaus of meadow land extend on three sides for half a mile back. Around this rises a semi-circular mountain ridge, with an opening eastward to the river, which is a hundred feet below. Over an ascending grade, through a short tunnel, and down the river bank to the wharf, is an endless chain railway, communicating between the barges and the storehouses. On the north-eastern shore are two great storehouses, whose total capacity is 76,000 tons. The main features of their construction, as well as the method of harvesting the ice, are similar to the buildings and plan of operations in the ice business along the river and elsewhere. The buildings rest upon a foundation of stone and brick. The superstructure is of common lumber. Everything is above ground. The walls are double, with an intervening space of about two feet, which is filled with a mixture of sawdust and

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 6.

CREDENTIALS.

Mr. SPENCER, of Alabama, presented the credentials of Hon. GEORGE GOLDTHWAITE as a Senator elect from Alabama for six years from March 4, 1871. Read and laid on the table.

MEMORIALS.

Mr. FENTON, of New-York, presented the memorial of the Ladies' Union Relief Association, of the City of New-York, asking that the pension laws be so amended that honorably-discharged soldiers who served in the Union armies may, upon their decease, be interred in the National Cemeteries. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. FENTON also presented a memorial from Robert Squires, Erastus Corning, Jr., Hiram Barney, Lyman Tremain, Geo. W. Riggs, H. Lathrop, Geo. Harrington and W. C. Barney, praying for the passage of the House bill relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries. They set forth their desire to lay a submarine cable between the United States and Belgium, and the facts that Belgium has given permission to the citizens of the United States to land a cable on its shores, and that, in connection with the land telegraph lines of Belgium and Europe under the rules of the Vienna Convention, that a contract for the manufacture of the cable has been made, and the capital subscribed in the United States, and no aid in money, lands, or any exclusive privilege, is asked from the United States.

They expect to send a message of ten words from this country to Europe for $1, the present charge being $15, and also, by their automatic telegraph machine, to transmit over their new line, between Washington and New-York, 500 words per minute.

The bill on the subject having been already reported and placed on the calendar, the memorial was tabled and ordered to be printed.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, from the Committee on Pensions, reported back the memorial asking the action of Congress to redress the alleged injustice on the part of the Commissioner of Pensions in dismissing one Dr. Spillman, a homœopathic practitioner, from the position of Examiner. Mr. EDMUNDS stated that the Committee could not see how Congress could interfere in the matter; they, therefore, asked to be discharged from further consideration of the subject. The Committee was accordingly discharged.

BILLS REPORTED.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported without amendment the House bill relinquishing to the State of Michigan the title to the Fort Gratiot Military Reservation.

Mr. COLE, of California, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Judicial Appropriation bill with amendments.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, from the Military Committee, reported favorably the House bill to promulgate the Revised Statutes of the United States. Also, adversely upon a number of bills for the donation of condemned cannon in aid of soldiers' monuments.

COMMERCIAL BILLS PASSED.

Upon the expiration of the morning hour, the Postal Code bill came up as unfinished business, but was passed over, on motion of Mr. CHANDLER, of Michigan, by yeas 30, nays 20, to proceed with the business reported from the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. CHANDLER, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, then called up the following bills, which were disposed of as stated:

The House bill for the protection of food fishes of the coasts of the United States. Passed.

To detach the Ports of St. Paul from the Collection District of Minnesota and to annex it to the Collection District of Louisiana. Passed.

Providing for the administration of oaths and affirmations by Collectors of Customs and Surveyors acting as Collectors of Customs. Amended to apply only to revenue matters. Passed.

The House joint resolution authorizing American registers for the British ship Rhoda. Passed.

Further to amend the act for the protection of beacons, beacon piers, light-house piers of protection, buoys, stakes, dolphins and their appurtenances, and other aids to navigation, placed by, or at the expense of the United States, for the security, direction, and guidance of vessels in the navigable waters of the United States. The substitute reported by the Committee on Commerce was adopted and the bill passed in the place of the bill, which provides that any obstruction to any beacon, pier, etc., placed by the United States in any of the navigable waters, or to any railing, monument or flagstaff of the United States, shall be a misdemeanor, and, under the penalty of $50. All persons injuring or defacing these aids to navigation to be liable to a fine not exceeding $500, and imprisonment not over six months. The owners of all vessels coming in contact with any such pier or buoy to be liable as all damages caused by such vessel, the act to take effect July 1, 1871. The title was amended to read: "A bill for the protection of beacons, buoys and other aids to navigation."

A joint resolution to amend a joint resolution relating to steam-boat and other vessels owned in loyal states, approved Dec. 22, 1865. The bill extends the period of time for the filing of claims for compensation for vessels belonging to loyal parties in the North, taken by the Government within the dominion of the rebellion after the breaking out of the war. Passed.

The House bill to amend the act approved March 2 of the act further to prevent smuggling and for other purposes, approved July 18, 1866. It specifies various regulations for foreign and coasting vessels on the northern, northeastern and northwestern frontiers of the United States. Passed.

Ceding to the State of New-York Oyster Island, in the harbor of New-York. Passed.

Approved March 3, 1869, to build a light-house at Stony Point in Southampton, Long Island. Passed.

To exempt certain boats from the payment of Marine Hospital dues, and for other purposes. The bill exempts coal boats, and the boats used in towing them, from the payment of dues in the northern lakes.

To repeal the act approved March 17, 1869, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia." The bill recites that the act of March 17, 1869, permitted "An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Wheeling, Vicksburg, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville and Memphis to be secured and held in the ports of Pittsburg, Cairo, Chattanooga, and Gold Hill, and to be transported in bond to the above ports, shippers at New-Orleans by enabling the master, agent or owner of a vessel importing merchandise and going up the Mississippi River, to secure the cargo without the delay of the departure of the vessel, instead of before the starting of the vessel, as at present; to facilitate the transportation of Asiatic Arrowroot, and other merchandise, in bond across the territory of the United States of America, and for other purposes. The pending amendment was concurred in, and the title of the bill amended to read, "To facilitate the transportation of Asiatic Arrowroot and Europe the merchandise across the territory of the United States for exportation to foreign countries."

STEAM-SHIP LINE TO JAPAN.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER, of Michigan, the bill to incorporate the Pacific Mail Company, of Oregon, to incorporate the Japan Steam Navigation Company, was taken up.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, argued that the creation by Congress, of corporations, independent of State taxation and control, was impolitic, injudicious, and fraught with evil consequences; there was ample power in the States to grant these charters.

Mr. CORBETT explained that the Company desired to operate in the waters of Japan, and that a national charter was necessary to give them a standing in the Consular Courts of Japan.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, offered an amendment reserving to Congress the right to repeal, alter or amend the charter. Agreed to.

Mr. DAVIS, of Kentucky, supposed the object of the corporation is coming to Congress was to escape taxation in California, where much of the profit is made; it seemed to him that every thing in the United States had its representatives here asking a charter of incorporation. The tendency of such legislation was to absorb the powers of the States.

Mr. NYE, of Nevada, advocated the measure in the interest of a revival of American commerce. He had never read the bill, knew none of the corporators, and cared not who they were. Every time it was proposed to build an air-line railroad or to authorize a steam-ship company the majesty of State rights was interposed, and he was now for having the question settled as to the power of Congress.

Mr. YATES, of Illinois, claimed that the power to charter commercial corporations was expressly conferred in the authority of Congress to regulate commerce with foreign nations and between the States.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, moved amendments subjecting the Company's property within the limits of a State to State taxation, and making the corporators individually liable, to the amount of the stock, for all the debts of the concern. Agreed to.

Mr. DAVIS, in answer to Mr. CORBETT, the author of the bill, explained that his remark about a ring had no personal application.

Mr. BAYARD, commenting upon the growing danger to our institutions from great moneyed corporations, remarked that the voice of no State was so potent today as the voice of the United States as that of corporations which had been created by the breath of Congress itself. There was one railroad combination in the country, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, possessing four hundred millions of capital, and probably this vast aggregation of capital, with its tremendous power of patronage, was directed by the brain of one single man.

In reply to an inquiry by Mr. COLE, of California, Mr. BAYARD said the combination to which he had reference, was that controlled by the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, though he could mention as another illustration of corporate power, the enormous capital and patronage controlled by Mr. VANDERBILT. He wished his voice could reach the American people, that they might be warned of the dark days in store for them, if something was not done to repress the growing influence of great monopolies.

Mr. HAMLIN, of Maine, said there was not one word in the bill about regulating commerce; it simply granted corporate powers to a number of private individuals. It was a species of legislation upon which he regretted to see Congress entering. He would exclude from the halls of Congress everything that came within State jurisdiction. No corporation should be created in which the Government was not directly concerned.

Mr. TIPTON, of Nebraska, coincided in the views expressed by Mr. HAMLIN. He was opposed to special legislation for private benefit.

At the suggestion of Mr. CORBETT the bill was then recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

THE AIR-LINE RAILROAD.

Mr. CHANDLER, of Michigan, then moved to take up the Air-line Railroad bill, reported from the Committee on Commerce at the last session.

Mr. HAMILTON, of Florida, said the bill would cause much discussion, and his colleague (Mr. VICKERS,) who was absent today, desired to be heard against the measure.

Mr. CHANDLER replied the the Senator's colleagues did not make a lengthy speech against the bill at the last session. He desired to take a vote, believing both sides of the question had been heard. He did not intend making a speech himself.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, thought that, as the subject had been discussed on three or four different occasions, the Senate ought now to vote once upon it. The Senator (Mr. VICKERS) had already occupied nearly one whole day of a session upon it.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, hoped a vote would be taken. An air-line railroad between Washington and New-York was something that ought to be accomplished.

Mr. SHERMAN further remarked that nearly every substantial of the enemies of the bill in the Senate, had prevented the only question now was that of Congressional jurisdiction.

Mr. CASSERLY, of California, while entertaining little sympathy for railroads, believed the important questions involved in the bill worthy of most serious deliberation. He protested against the assumption that the debate had been exhausted and that Senators had made up their minds on the subject. It was not the right of any Senator to make up his mind in advance of the discussion of such a subject.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, was in favor of an air-line road from Washington to New-York, but thought the interference of Congress for such a purpose involved a dangerous power. If Congress began, that business, it would find enough to do without doing anything else. There was some inconvenience now in traveling between the capital and New-York, and he hoped this would be remedied. While appreciating the necessity for such a road, he believed there was great danger to Congress in attempting to charter such a road. He hoped the bill would not pass without consideration.

Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, remarked that the exercise by the Government of the right of eminent domain, as provided in the bill, would be a violation of all judicial and historical precedents on the subject, and a plain constitutional prohibition against such action.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, hoped the bill would not be permitted to occupy valuable time, to the prejudice of more important legislation. The people would have railroads, and to build them large aggregations of capital were necessary, and it was a lamentable fact that the men who had the control of the capital and controlled these interests had in some States reached the point of practices to control legislative bodies. He foresaw that a system of special railroad legislation by Congress would throng the Capital with the same class of men, and whether they influenced legislation or not Congress would have the reputation before the country of being controlled and brought up by these railroad managers.

Mr. CARPENTER, of Wisconsin, remarked that the reputation of Congress would depend entirely upon the course it pursued. If Congress manifested a disposition to protect the people, it would not be charged with being run with railroad corporations.

Mr. WILSON replied that that was precisely the point he was about stating. That Congress could provide all requisite railroad legislation by well-digested general laws, which would protect the people and hold in check the railroad managers. He did not know that Congress had authority to establish a tribunal to settle the question of jurisdiction, but referred for solution to a committee of the Senate, comprising the juriste of the body.

Mr. CHANDLER finally yielded the floor informally for private bills, a number of which were passed.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF MINING.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, of Nevada, the Senate took up the bill to define and protect the rights of miners, and encourage the development of mines, which was variously amended at the suggestion of Mr. CASSERLY, and then passed.

It provides facilities for obtaining patents to mining lands, and the means of simplifying mining litigation, and enables miners locating to take up a certain amount of land on each side their mining claims for timbering, milling, and other purposes.

PENSION BILLS.

On motion of Mr. EDMUNDS, a portion of Saturday next was set apart for the consideration of Pension bills.

ANOTHER MAIL CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM.

A motion of Mr. WILLIAMS, to take up a claim for extra services in carrying mails in Utah and Oregon, involving over $100,000, gave rise to a discussion, in which was urged the necessity for greater vigilance in private legislation, in view of the extent to which the Government had been imposed upon in the Chorrowing claim. The bill was finally taken up and recommitted to the Committee on Post-offices.

The Air-line Railroad bill was then taken up as unfinished business, when, after a short Executive Session, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PETITION.

Mr. WOOD, of New-York, presented a petition of dealers and manufacturers in cigars and tobacco, asking for relief from unjust taxation.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The Speaker proceeded to the call of states for bills to be referred, when bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. HOAR, of Massachusetts—Providing that the extra ten per cent. on goods imported from the east of the Cape of Good Hope shall not be collected on wool.

By Mr. JENCKES, of Rhode Island—Joint resolutions of the Rhode Island Legislature for pensions to the surviving soldiers of the war of 1812.

By Mr. BROOKS, of Massachusetts—Granting condemned ordnance for a soldiers' monument at Marden, Conn.

By Mr. O'NEILL, of Pennsylvania—Providing that the pay of actting officers appointed by United States Judges in the district of 10,000 inhabitants shall be $6 per day for services at the polls.

AN INTERDICTION TO KILL TIME.

The opponents of the New-York and Washington Air-line Railroad bill resorted to their obstructive policy of last Monday, in order to consume the morning hour, and so prevent that bill coming up. Therefore Mr. HOLMAN, of Indiana, objected to the second reading of Mr. O'NEILL's bill, which brought up the question, "Shall the bill be read a second time?" on which Mr. HOLMAN demanded the yeas and nays.

After the vote was taken Mr. BROOKS, of New-York, moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be read the second time, and on that called for the yeas and nays.

By this means the morning hour was consumed, but the call of States for bills was continued.

MORE BILLS INTRODUCED.

Under the call, bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. JOHNSON, of California—To repeal all laws imposing a duty on foreign coffee.

By Mr. BOOKER, of Virginia—To facilitate commerce between the United States and China and Japan.

By Mr. COBB, of North Carolina—For the erection of a first-class light-house on the North Carolina coast.

By Mr. STEVENSON, of Ohio—To provide for the appointment of District Judges.

By Mr. BECK, of Kentucky—Authorizing the purchase and registration of foreign-built iron ships of not less than 1,500 tons burden, for twelve months, by citizens of the United States, and authorizing the people to subsidize lines of steamers.

By Mr. O'NEILL, of Pennsylvania—To incorporate the Freedmen's Homestead Company.

By Mr. COBURN, of Indiana—For an Indian reservation in Indiana.

By Mr. COBURN, of Indiana—To encourage immigration to the United States, to regulate the carriage of Emigrant passengers in steam-ships and other vessels, and for their protection before, upon, and after arriving in the ports of the United States.

Also, to amend the act of the 12th of July, 1870, for the redemption of the three per cent. temporary loan certificates.

Also, to construct as a addition to the United States Court-house and Post-office, at Indianapolis, Ind.

Also, restoring the office of Director of the Bureau of Statistics.

By Mr. WILLS, of Missouri—To amend the Internal Revenue law in reference to special taxes as to State or county agricultural and other fairs.

By Mr. BRAMAN, of Michigan—On a joint resolution of the Michigan Legislature in favor of granting pensions to surviving soldiers of the War of 1812.

By Mr. STRICKLAND, of Michigan—Making grants of land for railroad purposes in Michigan, and for canal purposes in Utah.

By Mr. CLARK, of Texas—In relation to the soldiers, and the protection of American commerce on the Mexican border.

By Mr. LOUGHRIDGE, of Iowa—To extend the time for presenting claims for additional bounty.

By Mr. SARGENT, of California—To define and protect the rights of miners, and to encourage the development of mines.

By Mr. SMITH, of Oregon—In regard to Indian reservations in Oregon.

By Mr. SPINK, of Dakota—To provide for a temporary Government for the Territory of Chippewa. Also, various resolutions of the Dakota Legislature, asking appropriations for internal improvements.

TREATMENT OF COLORED CADETS.

Mr. PORTER, of Virginia, asked leave to offer a resolution directing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire what legislation is necessary to prevent cadets at West Point from being ill-treated and persecuted on account of their color, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. ELDRIDGE, of Wisconsin—I object. That nigger has already made fuss enough.

Mr. PORTER moved to suspend the rules.

Mr. GARFIELD, of Ohio, suggested the reference of the subject to the Committee on Military Affairs without ordering an investigation.

Mr. PORTER insisted on his motion.

The rules were not suspended, there being but twenty-four votes in the affirmative.

USE OF THE MILITARY AT ELECTIONS.

Mr. SARGENT, of California, offered a resolution calling on the President for information as to whether the Governor of California had, since the 4th of July, 1868, asked for military aid for the purpose of keeping the peace at elections in that State, and calling for the correspondence.

Mr. WOOD, of New-York, desired the resolution to apply also to New-York.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, desired it to apply to Pennsylvania.

Mr. SARGENT declined to allow the amendments to be offered, but was willing to vote for them as independent propositions.

The resolution was adopted.

SOUTHERN CLAIMS.

Mr. BARRY, of Mississippi, moved to suspend the rules, and pass a bill, opening the Court of Claims to the citizens of all the Southern States for claims for Quarter-masters' stores, &c.

Mr. JENCKES, of Rhode Island, remarked that that could be opening the door to millions of claims against the Government.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Massachusetts, stated that the Committee on Claims had agreed to report a measure on Monday next which would be satisfactory to the Representatives from the South.

The House refused to suspend the rules—yeas 73, nays 126.

AID FOR FRENCH AND GERMAN SUFFERERS.

On motion of Mr. BANKS, of Massachusetts, the Senate bill authorizing the President to station a vessel of war at the Port of New-York to receive and transport supplies to be contributed for the destitute and suffering people of France and Germany, was taken from the Speaker's table and amended on his (BANKS') motion by requiring another vessel to be stationed for a like purpose at Boston, and on motion of Mr. RANDALL another at Philadelphia.

The bill as thus amended was passed.

CLAIMS OF COLLECTORS FOR MONEY STOLEN.

Mr. HOOPER, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill to allow to JOHN L. THOMAS, Jr., and EDWIN H. WEBSTER, money stolen from them as Collectors of Customs at Baltimore. Passed.

ANOTHER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

On motion of Mr. KELSEY, of New-York, and Mr. BECK, of Kentucky, the Senate amendments to the Consular and Diplomatic and the Military Academy Appropriation bills were nonconcurred in, and Committees of Conference asked.

PACIFIC RAILROAD BILLS.

Mr. LOGAN, of Illinois, in the absence of Mr. WILKINSON, of New-York, the Chairman of the Committee on the Pacific Railroads, moved that the Senate bill relating to the central branch of the Union Pacific Railroad be taken from the Committee on Public Lands to which it had been referred, and that it be restored to its place on the Speaker's table.

Mr. HOLMAN, of Indiana, objected, and inquired whether the object of the motion was not to place the bill in a more favorable position for its passage than it was now in?

Mr. LOGAN said that the object was not to put it in a favorable or unfavorable position, but to place it in the same position as other bills of like character. He moved to suspend the rules.

Mr. BLAINE, Mr. Speaker, this is the first time that this question has been before the House.

Mr. LOGAN—If the gentleman means to insinuate that there is anything improper in it—

Mr. WELKER—Not at all.

Mr. LOGAN—The Pacific Railroad Committee has never made a motion on the subject until today.

Mr. WELKER—I concede that, but this is the third time it has been before the House on motion to suspend the rules.

Mr. LOGAN—I do not care if it were the hundredth time. The argument which some gentlemen make against bills, by saying that they have been before the House a dozen times, is the argument which a schoolboy might make that he was whipped before for the same offense. It is not the argument of a statesman or debater. If the bill has merits it is entitled to be discussed. If it has not, it should be put down on account of its demerits.

Mr. WELKER—It was sent to the Committee on Public Lands because it had no merits.

Mr. LOGAN—That is not the case.

Mr. WELKER—Some of us who voted to refer it thought so.

Mr. LOGAN—The gentleman does not know what he is talking about. He is very often in that position.

Mr. JULIAN, of Indiana—This bill was referred on my own motion at the last session to the Committee on Public Lands—a Committee having concurrent jurisdiction with the Pacific Railroad Committee on the subject-matter of the bill. To vote now to remove it from the Speaker's table would be to give it an advantage and preeminence over fifty other bills which it is impossible to reach at the present session.

Mr. LOGAN—I am very sorry that the gentleman has made that remark, because it is not a fact. Did not the gentlemen from Indiana himself move to restore the bill to the Speaker's table?

Mr. JULIAN—I did, under positive instructions of the Committee on Public Lands, and the House refused to grant that motion.

The vote was taken, and resulted—yeas 126, nays 71. Two-thirds not voting in the affirmative, the rules were not suspended. The following is the vote in detail:

YEAS—Messrs. Allison, Ames, Armstrong, Atwood, Axtell, Ayer, Banks, Barnum, Barry, Bawden, Benjamin, Bennett, Bethune, Biggs, Bird, Blair, Booker, Boyer, Bright, Brooks, Buffington, Burchard, Burdett, Buck, Buckley, Buffinton, Butler of Massachusetts, Butler of Tennessee, Cake, Catlin, Cessna, Churchill, Clark of Kansas, Cleveland, Cobb of North Carolina, Cobb of Wisconsin, Comingo, Cook, Corwin, Cox, Crebs, Cullom, Curtis, Davis, Dawes, Dixon of Rhode Island, Donley, Dox, Dukes, Farris, Fisher, Fitch, Fox, Gibson, Gilfillan, Griswold, Hale, Hamill, Hays, Hazelton, Hoar, Henry Hooper, Hotchkiss, Jones, Julian, Kelley, Kerr, Kerr of Pennsylvania, Ketchum, Lash, Lawrence, Lynch, Manning, Maynard, McCrary, McKee, McKenzie, Milnes, Morey, Morphie, Morrill of Pennsylvania, Morrill of Maine, Morrison, Myers, Newsham, Niblack, Orth, Packard of Indiana, Packer of Pennsylvania, Parker, Randall, Scofield, Sloceum, Smith of Illinois, Smith of Iowa, Stevenson, Stone, Strickland, Strong, Taber, Taylor, Tyner, Upson, Voorhees, Ward, Washburn of Massachusetts, Welker, Willard, Williams of Indiana, Wilson of Ohio, Winans, Worcester, Wood, Woodward, Young—125.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Archer, Arnell, Asper, Beatty, Bingham, Burchard, Cobb of Wisconsin, Coburn, Cox, Creba, Dickinson, Eldridge, Eldridge, Finkelnburg, Fox, Getz, Griswold, Halsey, Haldeman, Hawley, Hay, Holman, Holmes, Judd, Kellogg of Connecticut, Kelsey, Lamar, Lewis, Loughridge, Marshall, McCormick, McCrary, McGrew, McKinney, Mercur, Moore of Ohio, Moore of New-Jersey, Morgan, Nibleck, O'Neill, Orth, Packard of Indiana, Packer of Pennsylvania, Randall, Reid, Rice, Sawyer, Schenck, Shanks, Smith of Ohio, Stevenson, Stiles, Stoughton, Strong, Sweeney, Sypher, Tyner, Upson, Van Wyck, Voorhees, Ward, Welker, Wells, Willard, Williams of Indiana, Wilson of Ohio, Witthorne, Wolf—77.

Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, moved to suspend the rules so as to take the Southern Pacific Railroad bill from the Speaker's table and refer it to the Pacific Railroad Committee, with leave to report at any time after the 15th of February.

The motion was agreed to—yeas 126, nays 61—more than two-thirds in the affirmative.

The following is the vote in detail:

YEAS—Messrs. Allison, Ames, Archer, Armstrong, Atwood, Axtell, Ayer, Bailey, Banks, Barry, Bawden, Beck, Benjamin, Bennett, Bethune, Biggs, Bird, Blair, Booker, Bowen, Boyer, Bright, Brooks, Buffington, Burchard, Burdett, Buck, Buckley, Butler of Massachusetts, Butler of Tennessee, Cake, Calkin, Cessna, Churchill, Clark of Texas, Cleveland, Cobb of North Carolina, Cobb of Wisconsin, Comingo, Conger, Cornor, Cowles, Darrall, Dawes, Dixon of North Carolina, Dixon of Rhode Island, Donley, Dox, Dukes, Dunnell, Durham, Farnsworth, Ferry, Ferris, Fisher, Fitch, Gibson, Hamill, Hawkins, Hays, Hemphill, Hess, Hoar, Hooper, Hotchkiss, Jenckes, Johnson, Jones of North Carolina, Julian, Kelley, Kelsey, Kerr, Kerr of Pennsylvania, Ketcham, Knapp, Lash, Long, Lynch, Manning, Maynard, McCarthy, McCormick, McCrary, McGrew, McKee, Milnes, Monroe of Ohio, Morey, Morphie, Morrill of Pennsylvania, Morrill of Maine, Morrison, Myers, Newsham, Payne of Wisconsin, Paine of Georgia, Palmer, Parce, Peters, Platt, Poland, Price, Prosser, Rainey, Rice, Rogers, Roots, Sanford, Sargent, Sawyer, Schenck, Scofield, Shanks, Smith of Ohio, Smith of New-York, Sherrod, Shober, Sloceum, Smith of Oregon, Stokes, Stone, Stoughton, Stryder, Strickland, Swann, Sweeney, Sypher, Tate, Tillman, Townsend, Trimble, Twitchell, Van Aken, Van Horn, Wallace, Washburn of Wisconsin, Washburn of Massachusetts, Wells, Whitmore, Wilkinson, Wilson of Minnesota, Witcher, Young—136.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Asper, Barnum, Beatty, Bingham, Burchard, Cobb of Wisconsin, Coburn, Cook, Cox, Creba, Dickinson, Eldridge, Eldridge, Finkelnburg, Fox, Getz, Griswold, Halsey, Haldeman, Hawley, Hay, Holman, Holmes, Judd, Kellogg of Connecticut, Lamar, Lewis, Loughridge, Marshall, McCormick, McCrary, Mercur, Moore of New-Jersey, Morgan, Niblack, Orth, Packard of Indiana, Packer of Pennsylvania, Porter, Randall, Scofield, Sloceum, Smith of Illinois, Smith of Iowa, Stevenson, Stone, Strickland, Strong, Tanner, Tyner, Upson, Voorhees, Ward, Washburn of Massachusetts, Welker, Willard, Williams of Indiana, Wilson of Ohio, Witham, Wolf, Woodward—63.

THE LADIES GENTLY REBUKED.

Mr. JULIAN, of Indiana, asked leave to offer a resolution giving the use of the hall of the House, next Wednesday evening, to Mrs. VICTORIA C. WOODHULL and Mrs. ISABELLA BEECHER HOOKER, to deliver addresses on the subject of the enfranchisement of women, and provided that the House would participate in the proceedings.

Mr. ARCHER, of Maryland, objected.

Mr. JULIAN moved to suspend the rules.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, called attention to a rule of the House forbidding the use of the Hall for any but legislative business, and proceeded to say: "It is well known that I am in favor of woman suffrage, [an outburst of laughter] but I do not desire this unusual course to be taken."

Mr. STILES, interrupting—"That is enough; I object to debate."

The House refused to suspend the rules—yeas 42, nays 146.

The following members voted yea:

Messrs. Arnell, Asper, Atwood, Banks, Barry, Benjamin, Buffinton, Burdett, Cake, Clarke of Kansas, Cobb of Wisconsin, Cobb of North Carolina, Darrall, Dickinson, Donley, Eldridge, Fisher, Hoar, High, Julian, Lawrence, Long, McCarthy, Mercur, Milnes, Morrell of Pennsylvania, O'Neill, Paine of Wisconsin, Platt, Porter, Prosser, Rainey, Roots, Sargent, Starkweather, Stokes, Stone, Strickland, Strong, Tabe, Twitchell, Wilkinson—42.

BUSINESS FROM THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Mr. BINGHAM, of Ohio, gave notice that he would next Monday report from the Judiciary Committee, and ask the House to pass the bill to enforce the right of citizens to vote under the Fifteenth Amendment.

He also moved to suspend the rules so as to set apart the evening session of Wednesday, Feb. 15, for other business of the judiciary. Agreed to—115 to 45.

SOUTHERN OUTRAGES—A CALL OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, moved to suspend the rules and take up the Senate bill appropriating $10,000 to defray the expenses of the Select Committee of the Senate appointed to investigate the alleged outrages in the Southern States.

On the vote the yeas were 109 to nays 5; less than a quorum voting.

The Democrats generally declined voting, so as to defeat the motion.

Mr. DAWES moved a call of the House, which was ordered.

There was then a call of the House, attended by the usual funny scenes and explanations. The Sergeant-at-Arms was sent for the absentees, and while waiting for their coming, members relaxed their usual observance of parliamentary rules. Some lighted and smoked their cigars, some sent to the restaurant for refreshments, which they disposed of at their desks, and many formed into groups discussing conditions by which the difficulty might be got over.

Finally all further proceedings under the call were dispensed with and the vote was again taken on Mr. DAWES' motion to suspend the rules and bring the bill before the House. Agreed to—122 to 1.

Mr. DAWES then moved to amend the bill by increasing the amount from $10,000 to $50,000, and by moved to suspend the rules to admit the amendment and pass the bill.

The motion was agreed to—yeas 121, nays 4—so the bill, as amended, was passed, and the House, at 8:50 o'clock, adjourned.

ANOTHER TAMMANY DODGE.

The Police Compelled to Raise a Subscription for Sheriff Brennan—What the Men Think of the Scheme.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, who has held public office in this City for many years, resigned his position as Police Commissioner in the month of October last, in order that he might accept the nomination as a candidate for the Shrievalty of the County, which nomination he had secured after a desperate and somewhat bitter struggle with Police Justice SHANDLEY, who had been promised the position by Boss TWEED. The defiant tactics of the Young Democracy necessitated a change of base, and Mr. BRENNAN was made the candidate for Sheriff. So persistent is Judge BRENNAN in his efforts to retain office that he so arranged matters that no notice was officially taken of his resignation, in order that he might slip back to the Board of Police in case of a defeat in the election. He thus entered on the race with a sure thing, and won the prize. As soon as he became an ancillary candidate for Police Commissioner could be fixed upon by Mayor HALL the resignation of Commissioner BRENNAN was accepted and the vacancy filled. Mr. BRENNAN finally retired from the Board, and the members of the Department supposed they had heard the last of him in that connection.

The extraordinary series of testimonials that poured in upon the new Sheriff from his friends, filled BRENNAN's friends with envy. Passing contemptuously by the elaborately-engrossed resolutions voted and subscribed for by the Police Captains and Sergeants, the new Sheriff's adherents determined to set up a testimonial that would make a stir, and render that gentleman quite happy. As in all such affairs the promoters of the scheme carefully avoided giving money from their own pockets, and knowing that the Police Department is, in reality, a political machine, determined to work that mine before any one else could touch it.

Friday last was pay-day, and all the policemen who are on detailed duty called at the Inspector's office at head-quarters, for their month's salary. As each member retired with his $150 in hand he was called to the desk of the Inspector's clerk in the anteroom and handed a subscription paper, the heading of which set forth that the object was to present a fitting testimonial to Sheriff BRENNAN, in remembrance of his connection with the Board of Police. No specifications were made, the word testimonial being evidently deemed sufficient to serve the purpose.

Of course no apparent compulsion was exercised, though those who first declined to add their names to the list, were in nearly every instance induced to change their minds by a glimpse of the clerk's face, as he found them obstinate. The consequence was that scarcely a man who received his pay in the Central Office failed to subscribe either $5 or $10 to the proposed fund. The men being on detailed duty, evidently feared that they would lose by their refusal to join in the proposed movement. As there are over 200 of these men, the total amount subscribed rose to nearly $2,000, especially as the clerks and other attaches in the building were also visited, and bled in like manner.

Whether the movement will eventually extend to the Fire Department, is at present unknown, though there are decided indications of an attempt on the part of certain ambitious officers to start subscription papers in every station-house, which, if carried out, will result in the accumulation of from $10,000 to $15,000. The men are naturally annoyed at this shameless extortion, and though they do not dare to express their sentiments in public, for fear of dismissal by the Tammany magnates, feel that they are being fleeced in order that a few favorites may be enabled to toady to the man who placed them in prominent and comfortable places. As an evidence of this fact, we publish the following note from an indignant policeman:

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I am a poor man, with a family dependent upon me for support. I have been a member of the Police Department since 1860, and having been severely wounded in the riots of 1863, I was placed on detailed duty. Being often ill from the effects of my wounds, I frequently lose two or three days at a time in consequence, and losing half my pay on those days. This is hard enough, though I do not complain, as it is an old rule of the Department to stop "sogers" playing sick. But I think a man should be allowed to do what he pleases with the money he does earn, and not have a subscription paper stuck under his nose on pay-day; in such a way that you are afraid to say no. Judge BRENNAN is to have a testimonial, and I paid $5 today toward it, though I would much rather have bought my wife a new dress with the money. I should think that Mr. BRENNAN would be satisfied with being Sheriff—they say it is worth $50,000 a year—and not lay his friends so round and heavy for testimonials. When I was a boy he was a Police Captain, and I guess he wouldn't have liked such games then. Why should I, or any other Police officer, give him a testimonial? That's what I should like to know.

A PATROLMAN.

And we echo the query. Why indeed?

Bellevue Hospital and the Blessings it Confers.

This old and well-known institution is, at the present time, the asylum for about 1,000 males, females, boys and girls, and since it was formed, upward of half a century ago, was never in so flourishing a state as now. The Warden, Mr. T. S. BRENNAN, is the "right man in the right place," and since his appointment, some four years ago, by the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, has brought it to its present happy position. The matron, too, Mrs. EMMA RIMPLE, upward of twelve years in the Hospital, is a kind, good-feeling woman, and is a great adjunct to the Warden, in seeing that his instructions are fully carried out. The rations are for the patients are good and are well served up, being clean and healthy, and the different wards for patients are kept clean and comfortable by the orderlies and nurses of the various wards.

A great thing in connection with Bellevue is the Medical Faculty of the Bellevue Medical College, and we can do no more than only mention the names of such surgeons and physicians as James R. Wood, Lewis A. Sayre, Isaac E. Taylor, Alonzo Clark, Fordyce Barker, Austin Flint, Stephen Smith, Alexander B. Mott, Wm. H. Van Buren; A. S. Gouldy, and others, and allow the public to form their own opinions. These give Bellevue its great reputation, and its high constitution, and are men of eminence and the highest professional abilities. The surgeons and physicians of the House staff do their duties faithfully, and are gentlemen of ability and humane feeling.

The Commissioners, James Bowen, J. B. Nicholson, Isaac Bell, Alex. Frear and Owen W. Brennan, Esqs., are well pleased with Bellevue, which, under Mr. BRENNAN's surveillance, will bear comparison with any other institution of the kind in the United States, while Mr. GEORGE KETCHUM, the Commissioner of out-door poor, has, during the last twelve years, discharged his duties well. Those who have not visited Bellevue should do so, and see how admirably it works. Mrs. BRENNAN, the Warden's wife, also teaches a class of helpless boys every evening, and gives her time and trouble in thus preparing them for some future respectable position to which they may be called or appointed. The Medical Inspector, Dr. GEORGE E. PHILLIPS, is a very worthy professional, much esteemed and highly qualified for his important duties.

Relief for France.

The Executive Committee of the Special Committee, appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to obtain subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers in France, held a meeting yesterday afternoon, when three out of the fifty subscription books were returned, showing donations to the amount of $10,000. Circulars are to be addressed to the various commercial and trade organizations throughout the country, to the ministers of the several churches, to the Presidents, Cotton, Gold and Stock Exchanges in this City, and other organizations, calling attention to the object in view, and soliciting their aid. Donations of money or provisions will be received and promptly acknowledged. The Executive Committee consists of Messrs. CHARLES E. MARSHALL, CHARLES LANIER and ANSON PHELPS STOKES.

Rev. Edward P. Hammond, the Revival Preacher, in Newark—An Undignified Quarrel.

Rev. Mr. HAMMOND, the Revivalist, is holding a series of revival meetings in Newark, having been invited to do so by several of the city clergymen, who open their churches for him. Those who believe in him most fully are Rev. Dr. E. C. FIRE, of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Dr. FITZGERALD, of the Central Presbyterian. Rev. Dr. WILSON, of the South Park Presbyterian, and Rev. Dr. CRAVEN, of the Third Presbyterian, with others, do not admire or believe in Mr. HAMMOND's mode of accomplishing his work, and neither open their churches to him nor encourage their congregations to attend his meetings.

Mr. HAMMOND labors mostly for the conversion of children, and in portraying the horrors of the hereafter of such as die unconverted touches the feelings of the little ones very strongly. Some parents and others, who are professed Christians, feel that such a course is not right toward those of such a tender age, and have published cards in the local papers condemning such a course. Others, friends of Mr. HAMMOND, and believers in his method of impressing Bible truths on the children's minds, have answered the communications, and a very undignified interchange of opinion is the result.

ANOTHER DISPUTED WILL.

The Estate of Eloise I. Nos, Deceased—The Contest Commenced Before Surrogate Hutchings—First Hearing in the Case—The Story of the Will.

Hon. R. C.

of what he calls the bank. She was headed as nearly as possible down stream, and at their wishes, hoping, perhaps, but little to the west of the channel and to all vessels passing thereby; this would be her natural position, and would be the safest and most proper position; means which should arise sufficient to force her around against the current. Instead of having a light at her forehead, as she stood and open to view that it could be seen on either hand and however the wind might veer change her position, as I think she should have had, and for that reason, but a light hung aloft and forward and which might be perceptible while the vessel swung round therewith, as the Bredes alleges she was, her light was placed in her port rigging. Heading northerly, the more clearly the Bredes swung round to the port side, so the more clearly they show that she placed her light illegally and improperly to be the place to say to those it was important to give notice of her presence. Whether persons on board were so stupified or not was of no importance. Suppose this error more certainly effective to prevent her being lighted manned gig. Even if it was proved that, under ordinary circumstances, such rule all failed, as failed in the past, yet it might be sufficient, and might be seen from starboard, she was bound to assume the chance of her being safe, and if there was any doubt for setting them, to believe that her light was in the place and in the manner prescribed. And she was bound also, in conformity to the rule, to notice the direction of the wind and the vessel's course. On a subsequent day plaintiff, a lighthouse keeper, and a pilot, and a party here and at the inquest, a practical sail essayed to place the light from port. That it the light continued to burn bright by all the time of the collision. It was so hidden by the sails, or from some other cause, that it could not be seen on either hand and however the wind might veer change her position, as I think she should have had, and for that reason, but a light hung aloft and forward and which might be perceptible while the vessel swung round therewith, as the Bredes alleges she was, her light was placed in her port rigging. Heading northerly, the more clearly the Bredes swung round to the port side, so the more clearly they show that she placed her light illegally and improperly to be the place to say to those it was important to give notice of her presence. Whether persons on board were so stupified or not was of no importance. Suppose this error more certainly effective to prevent her being lighted manned gig. Even if it was proved that, under ordinary circumstances, such rule all failed, as failed in the past, yet it might be sufficient, and might be seen from starboard, she was bound to assume the chance of her being safe, and if there was any doubt for setting them, to believe that her light was in the place and in the manner prescribed. And she was bound also, in conformity to the rule, to notice the direction of the wind and the vessel's course. On a subsequent day plaintiff, a lighthouse keeper, and a pilot, and a party here and at the inquest, a practical sail essayed to place the light from port. That

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The candidates to the Constituent Assembly nominated in Paris, on Wednesday last, were Jules Favre, Cremieux, Glais-Bizoin, Picard, Jules Simon, Pelletan, Emmanuel Arago, Garnier-Pages, Jules Ferry, Rochefort, Admiral Saisset, Admiral de la Roncière-le Noury and Admiral Pothuau. In other parts of France, the nominations include the names of MM. THIERS, Baroness ROTHSCHILD and JOHN EMILE LONGUEMARE. The elections in Paris are postponed till the 8th inst. The resignation of JULES FAVRE as a member of the Provisional Government is said to have been tendered, and that M. HAROUD succeeds him. Mr. WASHBURNE aided during the siege of Paris 1,700 Germans in the city. A demonstration was made yesterday in Bordeaux in support of that branch of the Provisional Government, and its decree of disqualification, which is described in a telegram from that city as unimportant. Seven hundred persons formed a procession under the lead of a Garibaldian Colonel, and at the Prefecture a declaration from GAMBETTA, who was too much depressed with public affairs to appear in person, was read by the Prefect, which set forth that "faithful to the programme of the nation, he was then engaged at a council of war deliberating on the means of profiting by the armistice." Journalistic denunciations of GAMBETTA'S decree continue to appear in the North. They urge that the country needs and desires peace. The official journal of Paris says no conditions of peace have been discussed. CREMIEUX has left Bordeaux for Paris. ROCHEFORT is about to issue a new paper entitled the *Mot d'Ordre*, which will advocate rigidde..... According to the *Independance Belge*, the essential points of the Black Sea question have been agreed upon. This is confirmed by the Berlin *Cross Gazette*.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday a memorial was presented in favor of a bill relating to a telegraph to Belgium, and the Committee on Pensions was discharged from further consideration of the grievance of the homeopathic doctor rejected as an examiner by the Pension Commissioner. After two or three unimportant bills had been reported from committees, a large number from the Committee on Commerce were passed. Among these were one for the protection of beacons, buoys, &c., and one ceding Oyster Island to New-York. The bill to incorporate the Japan Steam Navigation Company was taken up, and after some debate on the expediency of Congressional action in such cases, was recommitted. The bill to establish an air-line railroad from Washington to New-York was also taken up, but no action was reached. Discussion took place on the policy of interference in the matter of railroads. Next Saturday was set apart for Pension bills. Another alarm for extra services for carrying mails was considered and recommitted.

In the House a large number of new bills were introduced and referred. Among them were one to facilitate commerce with China and Japan; one authorizing the purchase and registration of foreign-built ships; one to encourage and regulate immigration from abroad; one in relation to the Zona Libre and the protection of commerce on the Mexican border; and one to provide a Government for the Territory of Chippewa. The House refused to suspend the rules and order an inquiry in regard to the treatment of colored cadets at West Point. A resolution was adopted inquiring into the use of the military at elections in California. The bill authorizing the registering of a vessel at New-York, to take supplies contributed for the suffering in France and Germany, was passed, amended so as to authorize the stationing of officers at Boston and Philadelphia for the same purpose. A motion to restore the bill relating to the central branch of the Union Pacific Railroad to the Speaker's desk was rejected, after a lively debate, by a vote of 124 to 77. A motion to suspend the rules and restore to the Speaker's desk the Southern Pacific Railroad bill, was agreed to—139 to 81. A request for leave to introduce a resolution allowing the use of the hall for speechmaking on Woman suffrage, was denied by a vote of 40 to 130. It was agreed that the evening session of Wednesday should be devoted to judiciary business. The bill to appropriate $10,000 for the expenses of the Committee on Southern Outrages, was taken up and amended so as to give $20,000, and then passed.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Both branches of the Legislature met at 7½ P. M. yesterday. In the Senate a bill was introduced to provide for erecting a Court-house in the Fifth District of New-York, at a cost not exceeding $150,000. Notice was given of a bill to appoint a medical commission to better protect the insane of New-York City and County. General orders consumed the rest of the session. In the House, the Adjutant-General's report on the amount required to pay the certificates to the soldiers of 1812 was received. It shows that $1,256,049 would be required, less $160,000 appropriated in 1869 and 1870. A resolution of inquiry as to the necessity and expense of enlarging the Erie Canal to permit the passage of vessels one foot long and 20 beam was adopted. A large number of bills were introduced, and considerable progress made to the general order of business.

GENERAL.

Ten Philadelphia lodges of the Order of Free Sons of Israel, and several lodges in Pittsburg and St. Louis, have seceded, and organized the "Improved Order of Free Sons of Israel."

The question of allowing traveling expenses and pay to officers who resign until they reach their homes, has been decided affirmatively by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Lieut. J. W. PRICE, and against the practice of the War Department, which has hitherto been to allow traveling expenses and pay, at the rate of twenty miles a day, only to officers and soldiers discharged on motion of the Government, except in the way of punishment. The Controller decides, however, that the judgment applies only to the case on which it was given.

At Rye, N. H., and in that neighborhood, a shock of earthquake was felt at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

WALTER BROWN'S boat-house, at Boston, which cost $3,000, was destroyed by the ice and wind on Sunday. A number of boats were damaged.

Small-pox is spreading rapidly in St. John, N. B., and it is proposed to establish a hospital for those affected. The disease is not very fatal, however.

Hovey block, in East Saginaw, Mich., was burned on Sunday morning. The loss is $60,000, insured for $30,000.

The election excitement in Mexico is dying out, with the prospects of JUAREZ being the brightest. DIAZ's friends are to use all their influence to secure his election as President of the Supreme Court. The Church property is to be sold by ROMERO to replenish the Treasury. His administration of the Treasury Department is regarded as a failure. An earthquake occurred at Oaxaca on the 19th ult., but no lives were lost. Importation of coal, free, into Yucatan, for five months from April 1, is permitted.

A company has been organized to construct a railway from Fredericton, N. B., to Rivier-du Loup, Quebec.

The Commercial Bank of St. John, N. B., was recently robbed by burglars, who secured a large amount of money.

The origin of the fire in the cadet's barracks, at West Point, is not known, as there was no one on guard about the building at the time. The building was lighted with gas, and heated with steam, so that the fires, however insecure, could not have had any agency in this work.

A Halifax, N. S., telegram says the proceedings against the schooners Hickerson, Watson and Franklin are closed, and the vessels will probably be condemned.

Reports from New-England show that the thermometer, during the present cold "spell," ranged as low as 30° below zero, (at Lancaster, N. H.) while on the summit of Mount Washington, on the 4th inst., at 7 P. M., the temperature was 40° below.

The engagement at Najasa, Cuba, is officially announced in Havana. Seventy-nine insurgents were killed and fifteen taken prisoners, and the Spanish loss was two killed and eleven wounded. Five hundred identified with the Republic have surrendered.

The Constitution of France.

It is to be hoped that two weeks' more of reflection will satisfy the French people and the Constituent Assembly of the folly of continuing the war any longer. The fall of Paris will release at least one hundred thousand Germans to rove up and down the Southern Departments, eating up the live stock, carrying off the horses, and levying contributions on the great towns. The man who under these circumstances counsels further resistance, as GAMBETTA does, takes upon himself a responsibility such as no man ought to assume and which no man who was not half crazy would think of assuming. It is not possible now to defeat the Prussians. They can meet all further resistance the French can offer with half the force they have hitherto had in the field, and in addition to this, keep the industry and the administrative system of the country so out of gear as to make its recovery for many years all but hopeless.

There is another consideration which ought ere this, one would think, have suggested itself to most sane Frenchmen. A victor is always influenced in the terms he offers by the amount of loss and trouble which he thinks it would take him to get better ones, and this he measures by the amount of resisting power the vanquished have still in reserve. That is, although a victor may feel perfectly sure that if he fights on to the end he will utterly demolish his enemy and force him to accept any conditions of peace, however cruel, he knows also that to do this will cost him still a good deal of blood and treasure, and other things being equal, he would generally rather take less than fight more. Now, France might undoubtedly have got better terms—we will not say after the battle of Sedan, for then she seemed to be at the victor's feet—but certainly after the siege of Paris was fairly begun, and the Army of the Loire began to loom up on the horizon. Indeed, one cannot help feeling that wiser men, in the position of the members of the Government of National Defense, would have used the Army of the Loire, and the defenses of Paris, not for fighting, but for negotiating; that is to say, for the purpose of extracting better terms from the Prussians. The Prussians by no means relished the prospect of a Winter siege and campaign. It was sure to cost them, and it has cost them, great losses in sick, as well as in killed and wounded, and it depressed the German people at home profoundly. If, therefore, when it became apparent that they were fairly in for a Winter campaign, and that the Army of the Loire was capable of a respectable resistance, say after VON DER TANN's repulse by Gen. D'AURELLES, the Government had made overtures to BISMARCK, there is hardly a doubt that they might have made better terms than any time after the fall of Metz; and if they had done it before the fall of Metz, of course their chances would have been better still.

They chose to fight it out, and though their cause is in a very bad way, it might be worse. They have still arms and money and fortresses, and some organized troops, enough to enable them to show some stiffness in negotiation. If they keep on, they will in two months have none of these things, and find themselves absolutely at the conqueror's mercy, and forced to accept at his hands any terms he pleases to impose. If GAMBETTA's advice is taken, and people use the armistice simply for the purpose of preparing for further fight, this is what it will come to.

What makes the situation all the more serious is, that the question of fighting or making peace seems likely to strike the country just where it will issue lose division—between North and South. The Southern Departments do not as yet know by actual experience what the presence of the enemy means; they are, therefore, more disposed to go on than the North, and will probably come into the Constituent Assembly in a much more defiant mood. Now, it so happens that the two sections are already considerably divided by difference of race, and temperament, and manners. ERCKMANN, the novelist, lately told a correspondent of the London *Times* that he had himself observed for years alarming signs of a loosening of the political bonds just at this point. M. RENAN, in his article on the war in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, hinted at this also, as one of the dangers of the future. It is, of course, difficult for foreigners to say how much foundation there is for these apprehensions, but it is certainly true that France has never before, since the Revolution, or during the Revolution, showed as many signs of division of sentiment in the presence of the enemy.

Her fortune will largely depend on the composition of the Constituent Assembly, and that is likely to be a great deal better than it would have been after Sedan. The nation was then drunk with rage and disappointment, full of extravagant hopes as to what might be accomplished by a popular rising, and by the Republic. They underrated the Prussian power, in their hatred and contempt for the Empire. The misfortunes of the last six months have done a great deal to sober all classes, and enable them to look the facts in the face.

Present indications combine to show that M. GAMBETTA and the extremists of Bordeaux, Lyons and Marseilles, constitute, on the whole, a minority, when viewed as the exponents of public opinion in France. The voice of the peasantry finds no articulate expression at all; but late observation and past analogy would be equally at fault were it not emphatically in favor of a policy of peace and moderation. The journals of the industrious and practical North—of that powerful section of France of which Lille is the centre and mouthpiece—denounce the recent decrees that have emanated from Bordeaux, and urge that "the country needs and desires peace." Paris, which has hitherto been the chief stronghold of the "red" or irreconcilable party, shows by the character of the names it has already selected as representatives in the National Assembly that it favors the equitable representation of all shades of political feeling, and that the republican populace desires the calm and temperate deliberation which the crisis demands. The early one of the Parisian list reported by telegram who has the slightest claim to be called a firebrand, is ROCHEFORT, and even he has throughout the late struggle, exhibited an amount of statesmanlike moderation and an absence of demagogueism to which his previous career was a stranger. It may be true, as another dispatch states, that ROCHEFORT has started a newspaper, one of whose principles is to be the advocacy of regicide, but we have no valid reason to suppose that ROCHEFORT, as a national representative, will be more violent than he has been as a member of the Committee of Public Defense. The rest of the names from Paris are mostly Republicans, but belong to the reflective and intellectual type of democrats who, though necessarily extreme under the Empire, have lately given evidence of the sobering character of public trust and responsibility. At least one of the three Admirals named belongs to the Orléanists, and judging from the names furnished by other sections of the country, this party will have a considerable proportion of very influential representatives in the coming Assembly. The more than probable adjournment of the elections affords a very unfortunate evidence of the radical division of opinion among the people in view of so momentous a crisis. Every friend of popular liberty in France, as well as of its future influence in Europe, must desire to see any pretext for foreign intervention avoided at the present juncture, as well as any interference with the free utterance of the popular will.

Mr. Boutwell's Ideas on Taxation.

Mr. BOUTWELL has the merit of consistency, whatever that may be worth. Since his accession to office he has been the persistent opponent of reduced taxation. His desire to maintain the Income tax is simply a part of that larger desire which led him to resist previous measures for diminishing the burdens of the people. His plea, too, is always the same. "It is not expedient to cut down the income of the Treasury in the manner proposed." That was his argument last year, when, despite his antagonism, a reduction of eighty millions was effected. It is his argument now, when the repeal of the Income tax, involving but twelve millions, awaits the consideration of Congress.

The policy with which Mr. BOUTWELL has identified himself, presupposes the possession of a large surplus. The larger the surplus, the happier is Mr. BOUTWELL. The overshadowing idea in his mind is the redemption of unmatured bonded indebtedness. He would have the people endure an exhaustive strain in order that he may save certain interest at the rate of six per cent. in gold. His dogged opposition to the abolition or reduction of taxes is then intelligible, and, in its way, consistent.

But Mr. BOUTWELL's point of view is not that from which the people look at the subject. His is the official view—there is the view that is forced upon them by the embarrassments of business and the depression under which industry staggers. The load he would fasten upon them, they protest they cannot carry. And Congress has shown that it is of their way of thinking. It has not moved so fast or so freely as they would have liked it to do, but it has moved in the direction which they have indicated. But for the relief which the cutting down of internal taxes afforded, we do not know what would ere now have happened to multitudes of traders and many branches of manufacture. That reduction helped largely to save them from disaster—helped them, especially, to endure the pressure incident to the shrinkage of values which has gone on rapidly during the last eighteen months. The benefits resulting from the lightening of the fiscal load far outweigh in importance any conceivable gain arising from the application of surplus to the diminution of debt.

As Congress, in what it has hitherto done in regard to taxation, has acted in direct opposition to the recommendations of Mr. BOUTWELL, we indulge the hope that the entreaties he has addressed to the Ways and Means Committee in favor of retaining the income tax, will be equally ineffective. Again and again Congress has practically declared that as fast and as far as possible the taxes shall be reduced. It has, moreover, asserted its own opinion of the revenue required for the maintenance of the public credit—and that opinion, we need scarcely say, has been at variance with Mr. BOUTWELL's. Will it now abruptly step, with the most offensive of all the taxes unrepealed? There were some reasons for persecuting it so long as it turned a prolific source of revenue. Having brought down its yield to a round twelve millions, or less, it is not worth the vexation and injustice which it occasions, nor the costly machinery which its assessment and collection necessitates. We have the testimony of Commissioner PLEASONTON that the ratio of the cost of collecting this tax much exceeds the cost of collecting any other tax. It is, therefore, relatively, the least productive, as well as the most odious of our revenue items. In fact, deducting from the gross receipts, as estimated by the Commissioner, the probable expenses of the Income tax service, as determined by experience, the net value of the tax to the Government cannot compensate for the injury done, or for the unpopularity which its retention entails on the party in power. To-day, it is understood, the Ways and Means Committee will report, and the House, we trust, will avail itself of the report to sweep the tax out of existence.

The Testimonial Nuisance.

The best and the worst of men have this much, at least, in common—that they cannot very easily dispense with the good opinion of their fellows. We should imagine, for example, that a detected thief would find the public execration, to which he is for a short time exposed, to be about the severest part of the ordeal to which he has to submit; and we should suppose that one of the chief consolations which liberty brings to him is the prospect of looking forward to the undisturbed friendship of a select circle, where his achievements obtain their legitimate meed of praise, and where the only blot on his escutcheon consists in having been found out. We can explain on no other theory but this the late outburst of sociability, fraternizing, and mutual admiration generally that have diversified the even tenor of the career of the rank and file of the cohorts of Tammany. These gentry have for some time past been treated to an amount of outspoken truth, under which, callous as they are, they have shown unmistakable signs of wincing. All the congenial obscurity under which their tortuous ways are hidden, has not prevented sundry gleams of very uncongenial light from reaching them; and their indifference has been about as awkwardly assumed as that of the pickpocket who should stolidly thrust his hands into his own pockets when the bull's eye of the policeman had just made manifest their extraction from the pockets of somebody else. By way of disguising the sneaking consciousness of what very unworthy personages they are, our local rulers have lately shown a quite unprecedented fondness for each other's society and that of their retainers. In such company obtrusive public opinion finds no entrance. The lords of the feast can smile complacently on the recipients of their bounty, and the lesser rogues can find unalloyed pleasure in contemplating the great masters of the profession, and in discussing the gradual steps that led them to that proud eminence.

The festive gatherings of Tammany that began very early in the season, and of which last night's levee by the "Boss" at the Metropolitan is but one of an apparently interminable series, have been ostensibly varied by a perfect eruption of testimonial schemes. The more a reflective and discerning public condemned the more the supporters of the "Ring" felt called on to approve, and in proportion to the violence of the attack which the leaders have sustained, no great must be the testimony afforded by a servile crowd of followers, that, in their eyes, at least, their reputation is exactly what it ought to be. The bigger the job the more numerous the pickings, is a first principle among the Tammany knaves, great and small, and the master minds that concoct gigantic schemes of plunder are eminently deserving of the highest honors of their Pantheon. From TWEED's statue to the "elaborately engrossed resolutions" presented to Sheriff BRENNAN when he emerged from the chrysalis stage of Police Commissioner, there is an immense interval both in comparative and actual estimate of merit. Unfortunately for the Police, however, the new Sheriff had a soul above parchment. Testimonials of a more substantial character had suddenly become the rage, and he, one of the leading magnates felt it somewhat beneath his dignity to be so tamely recognized. His subordinates had evidently been cowed by the public sentiment which supposes that when a man is paid for doing his duty he is not entitled, in virtue of that fact, to any special reward. For a common policeman, that may be, a good enough rule; but for a Commissioner and Sheriff elect, the case is entirely different. Thus it came that the beautiful engrossed resolutions were found to be so much waste paper, and the "unbounded stomach" of Sheriff BRENNAN could only be satisfied by the Police showing "how much" they appreciated him.

Had this been left entirely to the private opinion of the force, it is probable that the result would have been rather unsatisfactory. But as the men are there rather as the appointees of Tammany than the servants of the public, it was fit that they should be left no choice in the matter. Pay-day came, and with it a request to subscribe something in recognition of the shining virtues of Judge BRENNAN. A "Patrolman," who has meanwhile given his five dollars—much needed as it was to buy his wife a new dress, withal—writes us, with a view to know why he or any other officer should have been mulcted for this testimonial. We confess our utter inability to satisfy him on that point. Had he or any of his fellow-sufferers interrogated the clerk who presented the paper, and whose face so unmistakably hinted the penalty of refusal, we do not suppose that he would have been made much wiser. Tammany willed it, and that is about the only explanation that the plundered Police will ever get, just as it is the only explanation that a plundered public has hitherto got of much greater outrages.

Why Not Quote the American Lawyer?

Mr. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, in his discussion with Mr. SAMUEL BOWLES, shelters himself under a declaration made by Lord ERSKINE during the trial of an information for libel against THOMAS PAINE. This citation, however, does not touch the point in the controversy. The declaration was made in a criminal cause, and was designed by Lord ERSKINE to apply only to such a cause, for he says: "From the moment that any advocate can be permitted to say, that he will or will not stand between the Crown and the subject arraigned in the Court where he sits to question, from that moment the liberties of England are at an end." The care with which the principle is limited to criminal causes is apparent; no broad and unqualified statement of duty is made, and the right of choice is reserved in all other cases.

No intelligent man will attack the rule thus laid down. Its maintenance is essential to the preservation of liberty. But there is a wide difference between trials in which the Government arraigns the subject, and those which are brought between private individuals. In the former case the individual has no choice; he must be a defendant and the interests of the whole community require that judgment shall be rendered according to law. To secure this result he must have counsel, and hence it is that Courts have power to assign counsel to prisoners. It is the duty of the Court to see that a criminal has a legal adviser. Lord ERSKINE's declaration would be an authority directly in point, if cited to justify counsel in undertaking the defense of any one of the Erie people indicted for a criminal offense in the management of the road; but not otherwise.

Private controversies are quite another matter. No man is bound dishonestly to prosecute, or dishonestly to defend a cause. If he sees fit to attempt to use Courts for dishonest purposes, he must take his chances of obtaining counsel to sustain him. There is no principle of public duty which requires counsel to undertake such causes. Their relation to all private litigations is not one of duty, but of choice. They engage in them, or not, as they please. Under ordinary circumstances, the character of the client is immaterial, for a wicked man may have a just cause. But counsel are responsible for the character of the causes they undertake, to the extent of the knowledge they can fairly acquire before entering upon them; just as they are unquestionably responsible for an honest prosecution or defense while the causes are in their hands.

If within the last twenty-five years there has been any one man, at the New-York Bar, whose opinion would command general assent, that man was the late WILLIAM CURTIS NOYES. In an address delivered by him at the commencement at Hamilton College, a year or two before his death, he uttered these forcible words: "No honorable lawyer will ever, by trick or chicanery, by any imposition upon a court or jury, by an intentional perversion of the law or the facts of the case, pollute his forensic robes. While his duty to his client requires him to present in argument every just consideration which may influence the determination, and to array his facts and to present his views of the law in their most imposing form, nevertheless, it is a duty resting upon higher sanctions, and affecting his whole position and future life, not to say or do anything which a conscience enlightened by religion may not approve. The theory that an advocate speaks as his client would speak, and in his place and stead only, is false when applied to justify any departure from propriety, sincerity, or truth. No man, for himself or for another, may do either of these things and be blameless. No lawyer may place himself in the stead of the murderer, the thief, the perjurer, the dishonest litigant, and utter their language and be blameless. No forensic robe was ever made to cover crime, dishonesty, or dishonor, nor to enable its wearer to imitate the voice and use the language of felons and cheats."

Mr. NOYES was doubtless right, and, if so, Mr. D. D. FIELD must be wrong. In fact, the former friend of Mr. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD emphatically rebukes the degradation of position, talent, and influence which [illegible] much [illegible] more [illegible] Sheriff's, we may safely [illegible] Judge's misuse of the declaration [illegible] unhesitatingly quoted.

Fires in Winter.

For the curious succession in which [illegible] particular form of crime repeats itself [illegible] the same plausible explanations. The [illegible] of the [illegible] for the [illegible] phrase of wide [illegible] would [illegible] account for it. But [illegible] any adequate reason for the strange recurrence of such disasters as the burning, in quick succession, of [illegible] the Mississippi, and of hotels in different parts of the country. Almost daily, for weeks past, we have had to chronicle a catastrophe of the former kind, until it must seem almost like "tempting Providence" to take passage on a Mississippi steamboat at all. Hardly have we forgotten the midnight horrors of that Richmond conflagration, which laid the Spottswood Hotel in ruins, when we are called on to record a similar disaster in Wisconsin. The fire which a week ago destroyed the Halliday House, of Kansas, in that state, seems to have lacked no feature which could heighten its terrors. The night was uncommonly dark, cold, and stormy, with a strong wind and a heavy fall of sleet and snow. Two gentlemen returning from a ball discovered flames issuing from the building, and gave the alarm. The fire spread so rapidly that communication by the stairways was soon impossible. The two hand engines which seem to have constituted the entire resources for putting out a fire, were, as may well be imagined, totally useless. The ladders hastily brought from neighboring barns and hayloft, reached only to the second of the four stories. And in this state of affairs the bewildered sleepers were suddenly summoned to grope their way through the smoke to the street, and in too many instances they were driven back blinded and scorched to perish in the flames.

Seven lives are known to have been so lost, and two of the inmates escaped so fearfully burned that death was deemed inevitable. Then, none out of thirty persons in the house when the fire broke out fell victims to its fury. Perhaps the most affecting incident of the affair was the death of a lady and her four children, through a fatal mistake of the hotel proprietor, who insisted he had seen them come out, and so prevented the preparations for their rescue. Their bodies were found in the ruins. The clerk of the house, while on his way to alarm the inmates, was frightfully and fatally burned by the explosion of kerosene in the lamp-room, where the fire is thought first to have originated.

It will not diminish our pity for these helpless victims of the most shocking of casualties if we profit by the lesson of their fate. We have now had a second warning, the third may come in an even more improved edition. New-York may at any time be the scene of a hotel-burning as much more appalling than either of these, as the average population of one of our huge caravansaries exceeds that of a provincial hotel. The authorities will be blamed if they fail at once to enforce the use in all our hotels of every possible precaution in the way of fire-escapes, of fire-proof stairways and elevators, of rope ladders, and water-tanks in the upper stories. A feeble effort in this direction was made after the Spottswood tragedy, but once public attention was diverted, it of course died out. This time let there be no such failure. New-York does not desire to repeat the experience of Richmond and Kenosha.

MINOR TOPICS.

The *Herald* says that we are endeavoring to create a prejudice against the Roman Catholics on the score of their religion. That is a complete, though we have no doubt unintentional, misrepresentation of our whole position. We have not the least wish to interfere with the rights of Roman Catholics—all that we venture to plead for is that some few rights may still be left to the weak and despised Protestants. If anybody has tried to stir up religious strife, it is Senator NORTON, whose infamous bill now in the Legislature to stand at the suppression of all places of refuge for the young, except those under the direction of Roman Catholics. It is all mighty fine, when Protestants are attacked and try to defend themselves, to call out, "Don't be bigoted—don't make a religious war." Why don't the Roman Catholics think of that before they become aggressors? We only ask for equal rights. But they would take everything, and then if we dare to utter a mild protest against their rapacity, we are denounced of intolerance. The upshot of it all is that Protestants may as well admit at once that they exist only upon sufferance.

When a man has been hard at work for about twenty-seven years, and has only just begun to reap the fruits of his labors, it seems rather hard to our human eyes that he should be struck down by death. This was poor TOM ROBERTSON's lot. It is not so very long ago that he was glad to pick up a stray guinea for writing a "London letter" to a provincial paper, and hawked his plays about from manager to manager without being able even to get them read. His taste turned always to dramatic writing, and he could never be induced to work regularly at journalism—from which he might have obtained at least a modest competence. Had success visited him a few years sooner, poor fellow, we might not now have to record his death—but there were long years during which he could not spare the money to take even an annual holiday, or to seek relief from the rigors of an English Winter. Hence a natural weakness of the lungs developed into settled disease, and when he became the "rage," and managers clamored at his doors for more plays, and gold enough awaited him if he could only have earned it, the hand of death was already upon him. "At least I am successful," he said to a friend three years ago, "but I am afraid success has come too late." His constitution was broken up by anxiety, overwork, and many sufferings. His later plays have all been written under the deadening influence of ill health. Had he lived to be BOUCICAULT's age, he might have given the world something equal to the best productions of SHERIDAN, and not sunk like BOUCICAULT to write for carpenters and redfire makers. ROBERTSON was an amiable and generous man, and for many years had to care for your relatives, as well as for himself. A delicate writer of greater promise has not departed during the present century.

For the benefit of people who may be attracted by the name CHARLES ANTHONY DANA, who have been foolishly induced to buy him off, instead of fairly fighting and exposing him, a "surprise-party" was planned out, and Dana invited to be present by it. He was asked to wriggle and squirm, of course, he did it like a trouper. It is only necessary to repeat that his original statement was all false, and from beginning to end, in letter and in spirit, the very reverse of the truth, and that he knew it was so when he made it. Life would be too short to follow him through all his twistings and turnings, and show all the abysses of slander and alias into which he will now plunge, like a mad bull. He had a fair chance of proving our assertion, that any man who have the same office about that assertion are blessed; but he is obliged to stick down with a word of four letters branded on his forehead. People may judge from a single example of such as from a dozen how little this Secretary's word is to be taken when he forges accusations against the President, or Gov. Pease, or Mr. Reverdy Davis, or any other gentleman who refuses to worship with his damnation. For the general information, he may be informed, if a certain dishonest, to the contempt of every decent man, and to the sympathy of his confederates of the Brooklyn Eagle—reverse make, or as Mike says, "Shaingarnle forth."

It has long been a stock argument with the men who have violently possessed themselves of the control and the management of the Erie Railroad, that the opposition to their system of management originated solely with an insignificant minority of the stockholders, and that by far the larger number of these unfortunate beings were perfectly well contented to allow their legitimate earnings to go to pay for the orgies of FISK, Jr., and the enriching fees of their lawyers. The public has hitherto supposed that all the owners of Erie stock been allowed to exercise their legitimate control over the affairs of an irresponsible clique, they would very quickly have terminated the reign of FISK, GOULD & Co., and very materially stimulated the professional income of DAVID DUDLEY FIELD and his associates. There is now a chance for the shareholders of Erie remaining the position of which they have been unjustly deprived. The tide even of judicial sentiment is turning against the fraud, and it is for the people who have been most directly injured to show that they are as conscious as other people of the source of their wrongs. A petition against the Erie Directors, and signed in such perfect innocence by our ingenuous Governor, now lies for signature at the office of Messrs. SWANN, SOUTHARD & CHASE, No. 37 Wall-street, and every shareholder who is not personally identified with the infamous Grand Opera-house ring ought to sign it at once.

A country correspondent sends us another of the familiar circulars which hold out to the unwary a prospect of riches beyond the dreams of avarice, by the simple method of discovering counterfeit currency. Our correspondent says that "these circulars seem cannot be suppressed too soon nor too often." We are disposed to think that publicity may sometimes assist the operations of those who trade on such an enormity. Every man who reads his newspaper knows that the department of Justice at Washington has been directed by the same circulars to the circular issued to correspondents. If the record of facts is not sufficient to put the unwary on their guard, any amount of good advice will certainly be equally premature, and the number of counterfeiters circulars that have lately found their way into print give ominous color to the suspicion that these operators take this method of getting a cheap advertisement.

The only hopeful sign in connection with the failure of Alabama to pay interest on certain railroad bonds which the Government has guaranteed, is the anxiety of the local Democratic Press to disclaim all affinity with repudiation. The financial delinquencies of the State must be tackled late, they tell us, and while the crisis they goes on definitely and sweet. They are emphatic, too, in the declaration that great wrong has been done the State, which must be redressed by a reconsideration of the adjustment of law. But they neglect that they are not responsible. The protest comes too late to save the reputation of the new Democratic Government, or to avert the mischief which the bad faith of Alabama has occasioned to innocent holders of its bonds, and the discredit which it has created in regard to Southern securities generally. The effort will be seen when next Alabama seeks Northern money for the prosecution of local improvements.

Chicago has expended much money in the building of a new prison and providing it with sanitary outfits for various forms of manufacturing industry. Having spent the money, how to render the investment profitable was the problem next to be solved. In its consideration, one great difficulty presented itself: manufacturing industry requires a certain degree of mechanical skill, and the acquisition of that involves time. But the City Prison is intended for the accommodation of prisoners that are summarily dealt with by the Police Justices, and the sentences of such prisoners rarely exceed a few weeks. In the majority of instances it is limited to ten or fourteen days. Now, these terms of imprisonment are fatal to the theory of productive labor on which the establishment has been constructed; and the local Doghberrys, after much deliberation, have hit upon an expedient which evinces no common ingenuity. A City ordinance has been passed empowering the Police Justices to sentence vagrants and petty offenders to two years' labor in the Prison! The local papers are wondering whether this monstrous device is not "some shaggy joke." But it seems to be regarded by its authors as a master-stroke of strategy, though what Jane Smith will think of it when she is made to atone for forging her husband by working two years in jail, we should not like to say.

Personal.

Judge Henry Shearman, of Washington; Hon. E. Crane, of Boston, and A. A. Weightman, of Rhode Island, are at the Astor House. Gen. Robert Lenox Banks and Mrs. Gov. Hoffman are at the Clarendon Hotel. Hon. E. F. Rose, of Auburn; Hon. J. Tillinghast, of Albany; Hon. Clinton E. Page and Col. Orrington, of Chicago; Hon. O. Howland, of Cleveland; Hon. M. B. Wells, of Toledo, and Gen. H. L. Robinson, of Binghamton, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Hon. D. R. McCarthy and H. M. Rowling, of Syracuse; Gen. Carondelet, of St. Louis; Henry Howard, of Boston, and A. R. Van Keuren, of Kingston, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Col. Vatcom, of Cuba, is at the United States Hotel. Commander Pearson, of the United States Navy; Hon. W. D. Bishop, of Connecticut, and G. O. Marcy, of Illinois, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Lieut.-Commander S. P. Quackenbush, of the United States Navy, is at the St. Denis Hotel. George A. Lorentz, Jr., recently cashier of the Mt. Vernon Hotel, Baltimore, has returned to his old head-quarters at the Spingler House, in this City.

WASHINGTON.

Pacific Railroads Before Congress and the Committees—Encroachments of the Women Repelled—Bills Relating to Commerce—The Air Line Railroad—Claims of Discharged Soldiers for Travel.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The action of the Appropriations Committee of the House on the bill of Mr. LAWRENCE and resolution of Mr. BUTLER, in reference to the Government interests in the Pacific Railroads, has resulted in an agreement upon a measure which will affect the interests of the roads favorably, though the details are withheld by the Committee, in consequence of an express promise of secrecy. Mr. LAWRENCE'S bill, which was very severe, and proposed to enforce the collection of the interest on the bonds of the Attorney-General's opinion, was almost unanimously rejected. The Committee may possibly report to-morrow. In the meantime a very interesting conspiracy to "squeeze" the roads, as it is termed, has blossomed here into full proportions. One of the partners of a Wall-street firm, which has been largely engaged in bearing the Pacific Railroad securities, has taken quarters on Pennsylvania-avenue, and is keeping open house in the most liberal style. Sentiment against the roads is manufactured and sent to New-York. On pretense of standing up for the policy of the Secretary of the Treasury, assumed frauds are invented, and by means of circulars, letters, and contingent "short" interviews in the stock and bond-rooms of the roads, certain intermediaries have been roped into the combination, and their papers are used to further the ends of the conspiracy. Today there is some alarm. The "shorts" interest is very large, and the thing has not worked according to expectation. If the action of Congress should be unfavorable to the speculative combination against the Companies, there may possibly be an unpleasant explosion. The Southern Pacific Railroad today proved strong enough for all practical purposes. Mr. MAYNARD'S notice on Saturday that he would move to take it from the Speaker's table today and refer it, was made today, with the proviso that the Pacific Railroad Committee should be at liberty to report it back any time after the 15th inst. This required two-thirds, and was agreed to by the strong vote of 129 to 61, but this vote was doubtless much stronger because it was generally known that the Committee had already considered the bill, or a duplicate of it, and had resolved, when it should come before them, to report it back with a substitute cutting off all branches, and giving a grant only to a main trunk line straight through from Marshall, Texas, to San Diego, Cal. It will be reported back in this shape, and will then undoubtedly pass. It is probably the only measure that will pass this session. The central branch of the Union Pacific, which wants to be enabled to connect with the latter, which end was prevented when, by the action of Congress, the route of the latter was deflected so as to leave the Atchison Road sticking out in the air, was not so fortunate. Another motion to restore it to the Speaker's table, was beaten by yeas 126 to 77—not two-thirds. It would point if it ever could be reached.

INCOME TAX REPEAL.

Hon. DENIS MCCARTHY, of the Ways and Means Committee, returned this morning and to-morrow the Committee will take up the income tax repeal resolution and endeavor to bring it to a vote.

ENCROACHMENTS OF THE WOMEN.

The woman's suffrage advocates, led by Mr. JULIAN, today made an effort to obtain the hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday evening next, for the use of VOORHULS, Mrs. BANCROFT HOOKER, and others, in holding a woman's suffrage meeting. It was beaten by 119 yeas to 57 nays, not the required two-thirds by a great deal. Just prior thereto, that cordial woman-hater, Mr. ROGERS, of Arkansas, called the attention of the Committee of Rules to the fact that the Committee Rooms of the House were occupied for other purposes than those assigned by the rules. His inquiry was directed at the fact that the women have been occupying the room of the Committee on Education and Labor.

ARRANGEMENTS OF BUSINESS.

The prospects for continuation of business for the remaining days of the session is very strong, and a sharp contest took place in the House this afternoon, on a motion of Judge BINGHAM to assign next Wednesday evening for further reports from the Judiciary Committee, which was agreed to. Mr. BINGHAM excepted from this privilege the bill to amend the Enforcement act, and the bill enlarging the Eastern Judicial District of New-York, giving notice that on Monday next, after the morning hour, he would move to suspend the rules for the consideration of the first of these measures.

EXTRA APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee on Appropriations have adopted the recommendation of the Secretary of State, asking for an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars to meet the increased expenses of the Legation at Paris, consequent upon the vast requirements of the state of war, and also the increased expenses of the Legations at London, Berlin and Madrid, resulting from the same cause. The Committee has also agreed to appropriate $25,000 for the extension of the Government Printing-office on Delaware-avenue, and $200,000 for the erection of a fire-proof building on the Treasury grounds for the Treasury Note Printing Bureau.

BILLS RELATING TO COMMERCE.

The Postal bill, which was, under the rule, the business regularly before the Senate today, was postponed for the consideration of bills from the Committee on Commerce. Mr. CHANDLER, the Chairman of that Committee, had twenty-eight bills in his charge, on which he desired action. Some of them were passed, a few were laid aside for the present, and the remainder will come before the Senate to-morrow, unless, when to-morrow comes, the Senate shall have changed its mind, and votes to postpone the regular order, which has happened almost every day lately.

THE AIR-LINE RAILROAD.

The last bill which Mr. CHANDLER called up today was the Air-line Railroad bill. Mr. HAMILTON, of Maryland, hoped it would be postponed, as his colleague, Mr. VICKERS, who was absent, desired to be heard on the subject. Mr. SHERMAN said Mr. VICKERS had already spoken one whole day on it, but Mr. CASSERLY objected that there had been no debate on the bill during the present Congress. Thereupon it was shown that just about a year ago it had been postponed for exactly the same reason put forward today, namely, the absence of Mr. VICKERS. Mr. MORTON is among those who desire more debate before the bill passes. Mr. CHANDLER said he had been trying to obtain action on the bill for four years, and he thought that was long enough for Senators to prepare themselves for discussion and to decide how to vote. The Senate adjourned pending its consideration, and it comes up again the first thing after 1 o'clock to-morrow.

BRINGING OUT THE PET SCHEMES.

As the time for final adjournment draws near Senators who have charge of pet measures of a public or private nature are on the alert to spring them on the Senate at every possible opportunity. Today, pending the discussion of a bill from the Committee on Commerce, Mr. STEWART compromised with Mr. CHANDLER for five minutes in which to pass a mining bill, on the consideration of not making a speech on the pending question. STEWART has been begging the Senate to let him pass this bill for about a week, sometimes five or six times a day. It is exceedingly hard, however, for any bill of questionable propriety to get through the Senate in this way, for when they come up an objection by a single Senator prevents their passage, and sharp vigilance is practiced by several Senators.

CLAIM OF A MAIL CONTRACTOR.

A joint resolution today proposed by Mr. WILLIAMS, directing the Postmaster-General to settle the claim of one LOCKWOOD for an unknown amount, called out an allusion to the Chorpenning swindle, and the Postmaster-General will only be directed to report to Congress what amount LOCKWOOD ought to receive, leaving the responsibility of payment finally with that body.

A MISSISSIPPI BRIDGE BILL.

A bill of Mr. THAYER'S, giving the Union Pacific Railroad Company power to build a bridge across the Mississippi, was likewise laid over for future examination.

THE CASE OF DR. MILLER.

It now appears that the passage of the bill to repeal the test oath does not admit Dr. MILLER, of Georgia, to his seat without further legislation. Its provisions apply only to persons who shall be elected to office after the date of its passage, and not to those elected, as in the case of Dr. MILLER, before that time. It is claimed that, as the spirit of the bill and its title also clearly include the case of the Senator from Georgia, the Senate might properly waive the technicality of the language of the text and admit him to a seat. This is not likely to be done, and Mr. THURMAN, now absent, when he returns, is expected to press the needful action of Congress.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' ALLOWANCES.

The fifteenth section of the act of Jan. 25, 1813, enacted that whenever an officer or soldier shall be discharged from the service of the United States, except by way of punishment for an offence, he shall be allowed his pay and rations, or an equivalent in money for such time as shall be sufficient for him to travel from the place of discharge to the place of his residence, computing at the rate of twenty miles to a day. The War Department and the accounting officers of the Treasury have always held that a discharge to carry travel pay must be on the motion of the Government, and that officers who went out by resignation were not entitled to it. The Court of Claims in the case of Lieut. J. W. PRICE, a retired officer, overruled this construction and gave judgment in favor of the officer, which, on appeal to the Supreme Court, was affirmed by an equally divided Court, Controller BRODHEAD has decided that this judgment applies only to the case in which it was given, and it is understood that similar claims will be rejected as heretofore, until a majority of the Supreme Court shall give judgment on the principle involved. All officers who have resigned under the facts stated since the war of 1812, are affected by this ruling of the Court, and it would require more than a $2,000,000 to liquidate their claims.

COMMISSIONERS TO VISIT THE MINT.

In addition to the other Commissioners to attend the annual assay at the Philadelphia Mint, the President has also selected Col. ROBERT J. STEVENS, formerly Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint.

INVESTIGATION OF SOUTHERN OUTRAGES.

The House adjourned about 9 o'clock, after several hours of filibustering on a motion of Mr. DAWES to suspend the rules and concur with the Senate in the passage of the joint resolution to appropriate $10,000 for paying the expenses of the Special Committee now investigating Southern affairs. A motion was immediately made to adjourn, which was lost, and then the yeas and nays were called on the motion to suspend. The Democrats refused to vote on this motion, and when the roll was concluded, no quorum had voted. Mr. DAWES next succeeded in having a call of the House ordered, in which proceeding a long time was spent, when a few more than a quorum had been brought in, most of whom were Republican members, the yeas and nays were called again, and the resolution with an amendment raising the appropriation to $20,000, was passed.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

THE WEST POINT INVESTIGATION.

The Subcommittee of the House Military Committee, which recently visited West Point to examine into the condition of affairs, and the causes of recent troubles among the cadets, today made a report to the Military Committee, which was debated at some length. The majority of the Subcommittee recommend the dismissal of the entire first class, except four, and the censure of the officers, and the minority of the Subcommittee recommend that the usual privileges extended to the class, such as graduation furlough, be denied them. The report of the full Committee is now in course of preparation.

BERGEN HEIGHTS ARSENAL.

The President has approved the bill directing the Secretary of War to sell Bergen Heights Arsenal.

DEATH OF AN ASSESSOR.

A telegram, today, to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, announces the death of Assessor GOSSELINS, of the First West Virginia District.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate today:

George C. Stevens, to be Collector of Customs at Milwaukee, Wis; Isaac H. Duval, to be Assessor of Internal Revenue of the First District of West Virginia; William P. Wingate, to be Collector of Customs at Bangor, Me.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate in Executive Session today confirmed the following nominations:

Alexander Rives, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia; Robert W. Hughes, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia; A. S. Gray, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Virginia; J. R. Young, to be Postmaster at Camden, Ark.; A. T. Bertrow, to be Postmaster at Pine Bluff, Ark.

SUPREME COURT.

Decisions Rendered in Washington Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The following decisions were rendered yesterday in the United States Supreme Court:

No. 3.—*Ward, Executor*, vs. *The United States*.—Appeal from the Court of Claims.—This was a proceeding to recover on forty-three loan office certificates of the United States for $500 each, with interest from the date of their issue, 1779. The petition was dismissed by the Court of Claims, the Court finding that the certificates had not been duly countersigned by a Commissioner for the State of Georgia, by which State they were issued, and charged as required by law, and that the indorsement they presented was not shown to be authorized. It was also held that the full first interest had been paid on some of the certificates for some time did not raise a least presumption that the person indorsing them had been recognized as a Commissioner to sign them. This Court now affirms that judgment, Mr. Justice DAVIS delivering the opinion, and holding that the fact of payment of interest did not bind the Government, for no purpose to ratify the acts of the alleged Commission, or in indorsing the certificate, appeared, and the paper bearing his signature was rejected as soon as the attention of the proper department was called to the subject. The history of the issue of the certificates is examined at length, and the conclusion is that they have not a just charge on the Treasury of the United States.

Mr. Justice FIELD dissents, being of the opinion that the demand before the Court is a just obligation of the United States, as binding as any part of the public debt of the country.

No. 64.—*The Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company*, vs. *Orin Trescott, Treasurer of the State of Massachusetts*.—Error to the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.—The Court in this case affirmed the right of the State of Massachusetts to impose a tax of four per cent on all premiums paid to such insurance companies incorporated under the laws of foreign countries. The Court also held that notwithstanding the fact that these companies are not strictly corporations under the British laws, still having all the attributes of corporations and having conferred upon them all the essential privileges of corporations, they must be regarded as such in this country.

Mr. Justice MILLER delivered the opinion of the Court.

No. 12.—*Mackin* vs. *Transportation Company et al.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court of the District of Wisconsin.—This was a case of collision, and the Court below divided the loss, holding that the neglect causing the accident was mutual. That decree is now affirmed here. Mr. Justice CLIFFORD delivered the opinion.

No. 99.—*Wray* vs. *Schoonmaker*.—Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Northern District of New-York.—This case presented the question whether the principle upon the same impression is made on different parts of the same photographic plate by means of a sliding plate-holder, is an old or a new invention. The Court below decided that it was in use some years before the alleged invention of the appellant, and dismissed the bill. The decree dismissing the bill is affirmed here by a divided Court. Mr. Justice NELSON announced the decision.

No. 104.—*Forsdick* vs. *Lawrence*.—Error to the Supreme Court of Illinois.—Writ of error dismissed for want of jurisdiction, the Court holding that where the allegation is that a State Court has sustained a local law, claimed to be in violation of the Federal Constitution, it it shall appear that the same decision could have been arrived at without any reference to the particular statute, the case is not one for review in this Court on a writ of error. Mr. Justice NELSON delivered the opinion of the Court.

Herschel V. Johnson, of Georgia, was admitted to the Bar of this Court.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

EDWIN FORREST AT THE FOURTEENTH-STREET THEATRE.

Mr. EDWIN FORREST, after an absence of three years, returned last night to the Metropolitan stage. Although the weather was piercingly cold, the Fourteenth Street Theatre was occupied by a highly-intelligent audience, and Mr. FORREST, on his appearance, was welcomed with much enthusiasm. "*King Lear*" was the play chosen for this reentrance, and, considering the long-established fame won by the tragedian in the chief character, and other especial elements of present fitness, the selection was a judicious one. Mr. FORREST acted with marked spirit and care, and was repeatedly summoned before the curtain during the evening to receive the congratulations of the public. Of his support we are unable to speak as highly as we could wish; but it is only justice to say that we have never seen Mr. FORREST play *Lear* better, or in some respects so well, as on this occasion.

For over two hundred and fifty years the story of *Lear* has been confessed the most affecting in any language. The learned tell us of its existence before that time. Some say it was first narrated by GEOFFREY, of Monmouth, from whom it was translated by HOLLINSHED. Others impute its origin to the *Gesta Romanorum* and to the *Romance of Percyforest*. It is certain that a play on this theme was entered at Stationer's Hall in 1594—and that SHAKESPEARE'S tragedy was not written until ten years after. Still his version is the one of universal and impregnable acceptance. To the hearts of mankind it is truer than history and more sublime in the way than any previous or subsequent conception. It has been compared to the *Œdipus* of SOPHOCLES, but only to establish its superiority. In its extraordinary picture of disordered reason, it has been set side by side with the *Orestes* of EURIPIDES and, by what was once held in higher esteem than now, the *Clementina* of RICHARDSON—but only with like result. The figure of Priam supplicating *Achilles* for the dead body of *Hector* has been called the most affecting in all antiquity; yet it is no doubt true that poor old *Lear*, wandering amid thunder and lightning on the desolate heath, with the reason half extinguished, his heart wholly broken, and his snowy, venerable head beaten by the pitiless storm, surpasses for pathos and grandeur even the master-piece of HOMER. The wonderful discrimination of SHAKESPEARE between the real madness of the unhappy King and the simulated insanity of *Edgar* has been often dwelt upon. *Edgar*, in all the imaginative flights that illustrate his assumption of the "Turlygood" or "Bedlam Beggar," never hints at the real cause of his woe, while *Lear* finds the source of his grief associated with every thought, and even with every inanimate object. CHARLES LAMB, it is supposed, wrote the article "Theatricals" in *The Reflector*, which oracularly declares that "Lear" cannot be acted at all. This can be said with more or less plausibility of all SHAKESPEARE'S tragedies. We think it can be affirmed with more truth of "Macbeth" and "Hamlet" than of "Lear." At all events, there have been of the actors habitually playing both parts a greater number acceptable in "Lear" than in "Hamlet;" and it will hardly be disputed that Mr. FORREST is among that number. His performance never was, perhaps is not now, of even excellence; but it has very remarkable merit, is distinguished by flashes of electric power, and altogether is an embodiment that deserves to be accounted memorable.

Mr. FORREST depicts the parental affection of *Lear* with infinite pathos and beauty. The touching and exquisitely-managed scene with the body of *Cordelia* at the close—the *Cordelia* whose truth was her sole dower, and whom the deluded King in his wild rage cast off as a stranger forever—is one of the finest examples we can recall of Mr. FORREST'S naturalness, feeling and artistic power. It is idle to deny the force of such acting as this, or to say that it is a thing easy to compass. The scenes in the storm, too, are superbly grand. They are not only picturesque, varied and majestic, showing the distraught sovereign even in abject misery to be "every inch a King," but are minutely accurate as psychological studies. We doubt whether, not the ordinary keeper of a madhouse only, but such judges as Dr. MAUDSLEY or Dr. HAMMOND could point out defects in any of the crazed passages of Mr. FORREST'S *Lear*. The earlier parts of the impersonation may lack something of the tremendous energy that once, in particular speeches, was projected into them, but it is questionable how far this can be stigmatized as a disadvantage, especially when they are now so richly freighted with feeling. *Lear* is very old, and to endow him with a vigor that would be highly exceptional, even in a robust young man, was always open to criticism. The famous curse, as Mr. FORREST now gives it, is vocally speaking, less overwhelming than formerly but assuredly it is more natural, it is a world more pitiful, and so, to our minds, more effective. Too frequently, in our judgment, the tragedian of yore gave the impression in *Lear* that he was buffeting fate and fortune instead of being buffeted by them. The difference between the two in favor of the latter, for moving the compassion and sympathy of the spectator, is undeniable. The contrast between

"* * * A poor old man
As full of *grief* as age, wretched in both!"

and a Titan who seems to defy Heaven's lightnings themselves, implies a change so striking as to invite serious examination; and the result is, undoubtedly, favorable to the *Lear* we see, rather than to the *Lear* we saw before. The terrific impression spoken of ends the first act, as Mr. FORREST plays it; and this is, dramatically speaking, an improvement on the arrangement of the original text. We must say, however, that this change is almost the only one that in any sense improves on the tragedy as SHAKESPEARE wrote it. It certainly has the artistic advantage of avoiding anti-climax.

Of all SHAKESPEARE'S plays, "Lear" is that with which the greatest liberties are taken in the acting, the example of TATE being followed very freely by performers and managers. We have seen the play opened by *Edmund*, with the fine soliloquy beginning, "Thou, Nature, art my Goddess," by *Kent* and *Gloster*, with the soliloquy referring to the division of the kingdom, and in other ways. Mr. FORREST, as is well known, altogether omits the *Fool*, by preserving which character we must confess the opinion that the effect of the tragedy is greatly enhanced. The astonishing manner in which the lightness and vanity of life are suggested by the contrast of *Lear's* awful anguish and the *Fool's* pitying flippancy, is unparalleled by anything in literature. We believe that Mr. FORREST will close the thought of restoring the *Fool*, and that Mr. HENRY PLACIDE was to have acted the part. Mr. MACREADY, however, came to this country and played *Lear* according to the original text between the formation and execution of th indemgn, and the American tragedian naturally objected to being accused, as he probably would have been of copying the innovation of the Englishman. The *Fool* is effective when read in the closet; but he is still more so when heard on the stage. There is about him a tenderness and sweetness that place *Lear's Fool* apart from and above all other of SHAKESPEARE'S gentlemen in motley. He excites affection as well as mirth. When *Lear* complains that he has not seen him for two days, the explanation is proffered, that "since my young lady's going into France, the *Fool* hath much pined away;" and STEVENS says, acutely enough, that this provokes an interest in his favor such as his wit alone might have failed to procure for him. Some of the cleverest apothegms and repartees that SHAKESPEARE ever invented he puts into the mouth of this jester, and appreciative readers who once become familiar with the text, must always regret the absence of the *Fool* from the version of NAHUM TATE, which on the stage is commonly seen.

In spite, however, of omissions which we can neither approve nor pass without objection, the acting tragedy of "King Lear" still remains a splendid if mutilated poem, a profound lesson and warning, and a salutary elevator and purifier of the soul. It teaches how vain are all the efforts of humanity to break moral laws and to evade punishment. It shows with tremendous force how even-handed is the justice that commends the ingredients of the poisoned chalice of filial ingratitude and selfishness to the lips of the inventor—that in truth

"The gods are just, and of our pleasant vices
Make instruments to scourge us."

And Mr. FORREST, let us add, gives a grand, and elaborate, and—as compared with former years—a mellowed and symmetrical picture of this most exacting character. Notably finer is he now than *ever* in his pathos and his frenzy—two supremely important elements. That there may not still be faults in this interpretation—blemishes of mannerism, perhaps, and now and then of exaggerated transition—we need not assert. Yet Mr. FORREST'S performance of *King Lear*, standing alone, is quite enough to vindicate his claims to the rank of a great artist, and to confirm us in the fear that in some parts, of which this is one, we shall not for many a day, if ever, look upon his like again.

"MONEY" AT WALLACK'S THEATRE.

BULWER LITTON'S ingenious and sparkling comedy of "Money" was played last evening at Wallack's. The main object of this revival was to introduce Mr. LESTER WALLACK in the part of *Evelyn*; but the cast was in all respects an admirable one, and the comedy was greeted with the warm approval it thoroughly deserved. A very fine house was in attendance, and the several performances of Messrs. WALLACK, GILBERT, FISHER, MARLOWE and RINGGOLD, and Mesdames BARRY and MACLATCHIE were heartily relished. We shall endeavor to do justice, in greater detail, to this production at a convenient opportunity. The public will be glad to hear, meanwhile, that "Money" can be seen again at Wallack's Theatre to-night.

BURLESQUE AT THE OLYMPIC.

The new burlesque of "G. L. Richelieu," written by Messrs. SCHONBERG and T. B. DE WALDEN for the Olympic Theatre, was acted at that house last evening with most felicitous results. Works of this order are done full justice to by a similar statement of fact. The story coursing through the dialogue and action needs no rehearsal by reason of the familiarity of most play-goers with the play which it reproduces in caricatural form; and the comic exaggeration derived, as much from the skill of the actor as from the fancy of the dramatist, is not to be portrayed adequately by means of a newspaper article. The reader will be sufficiently enlightened, we think, by the information, added to the tidings of the uproarious merriment caused by the burlesque, that the authors of "G. L. Richelieu" have transposed into their smaller frame the plot and the most important incidents of the original play, the characters of which become worthy of the title of "persons of the period," both by language and by deed. In a piece in which it is sought to change every solemn word into a droll saying, much that is undeserving of praise must necessarily appear. There is, however, nothing coarse in the dialogue of "G. L. Richelieu," a good deal that is witty, and an unusually large allowance of timely pleasantries. We should be glad were the subject of pantomime less frequently adverted to than it is. The reminders of the joyous antecedents of the *Cardinal* are the less necessary after an exceedingly funny "exit," during which *Joseph*, whom Mr. BEARE, a late *Pantaloon*, embodies, and *Richelieu* himself leave the stage after the usual pantomimic fashion. This mode of departure is not the only one doing credit to the writery of the burlesque. Their scenes are generally symmetrical, and the idea of causing most of the characters to vanish from sight to popular strains suggestive by the titles of their situations and moods, is a good one. In the performance of the travesty, Mr. FOX, as might have been anticipated, bears off the palm. It would be a difficult matter to trace a resemblance between the features of Mr. FOX and those of Mr. BOOTH, and yet it is indeniable that, thanks to a judicious use of the brush, to a careful observation of the tragedian's mannerisms, and to an accurate imitation of his costumes, an extraordinary deception is effected. The numerous admirers of Mr. BOOTH'S personation of *Richelieu* could not well gather aught but amusement from the doings of a representative of the statesman of impressive appearance and delivery, who draws a circle in chalk about *Julie de Mortimer* previous to threatening her persecutors with an injunction, and who foils the conspirators by feigning death at the close of a pathetic trio ending with "Put Me in My Little Bed." There was abundant fun of this sort in the burletta, and it was heartily appreciated. The acting throughout was satisfying. Miss ADA HARLAND was a most animated and graceful *De Mauprat*, Mr. E. COLEMAN an excellent *De Barcelas*, and Mr. H. R. TEASDALE a fit personator of *Louis XIII.* Little JENNIE YEAMANS, as *Francois*, displayed once more the precocity already evidenced in "Wee Willie Winkie." A "make-up" of the best effect commended Mr. BEARE'S labors to the audience. Miss LILLIE ELDRIDGE was *Julie de Mortimer*. New scenery reminding one of that in use up-town, was exhibited during the progress of the burlesque. The curtain fell upon its representation, which we doubt not, will be vastly improved by a reduction in the wait between the first and second acts, at 10¾ o'clock, and amid unmistakable assurances of popular approval.

PERSONAL.

Mlle. CELINE MONTALAND will sail for France today by the steam-ship *Washington*.....Mr. WALTER MONTGOMERY will depart for England by the *Algeria* on Wednesday week.....Miss CHRISTINE NILSSON has recovered quite from her illness. She suffered from chills and fever.

Musical.

MLLE. HALLIER-DOSSY'S CONCERT.

Last evening the first of a series of concerts by Mlle. HALLIER-DOSSY, took place at Steinway Hall. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, a large number of persons were kept away, who would, but for this cause of absence, have attended. As it was, the hall was about three-fourths filled. The programme began with a duo by LUCIANTONI, sung by Mlle. DOSSY and Mr. BARILETTI. This was followed by a rendering, by Miss MARIE KRESS, of a nocturne and a study in A minor, by CHOPIN. Miss GRAZIELLA RIDGWAY then gave CLAY'S ballad of "She Wandered Down," and in answer to a recall, "The Brook," "Salve Dimora" was rendered by Signor LEONI, and "The Shades of Evening" by Mr. BARILETTI. Mlle. DOSSY, who is a stranger here and has, we understand, been a sufferer by the Franco-German war, is possessed of a fine person and a cultivated voice, which she uses with judgment. She was heard to most advantage last evening in a cavatina from "I Puritani," which she delivered with much expression. Miss KRESS played with her usual correctness. Miss RIDGWAY, a pupil of Signor ALMIRES, who made her first appearance in public last evening, sang with much sweetness and expressiveness, and gives promise of becoming an accomplished vocalist. The concert was under the direction of Signor BIMA. The second of the series will take place this evening week.

CHURCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION.

The second, of the present series of public rehearsals for the approaching concert will take place this afternoon at Steinway Hall at ¾ o'clock. BEETHOVEN'S Mass in C and a portion of HAYDN'S "Seasons" ("Spring") will again be attacked. Next Tuesday afternoon the orchestra attached to this Association, and numbering seventy to eighty performers, will unite with the chorus, forming a force of about 350 executants. On the last-named occasion, among other things, a "Festival Overture" will be performed under the direction of Dr. JAMES PECH.

MISS BUSK'S CONCERT.

A concert will be given this evening at Steinway Hall, by Miss Jennie Busk, Herren Hermanns and Candidus, Mr. Charles Werner and an orchestra will assist.

Police Trials.

Thirty policemen were arraigned yesterday before Commissioner MANHEIMER for transgressions of the rules, but the only case of any importance was the complaint made by SIMON HART, of No. 42 Essex-street, against Patrolman PHILIP HALLON, of the Eighteenth Precinct, who stated that, being causelessly assaulted by one WYMAN in the street, he was merely defending himself when he was arrested by HALLON, who also struck him a blow with his club so severe that he bled a quart. The officer, on the other hand, testified that he saw HART kick a boy and strike WYMAN three times before he attempted to arrest him. When he did so HART assaulted him, so that he was compelled to use his club upon him. The case was referred to the Board.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

Dana and the Sun.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Every intelligent, respectable, and educated man in the City of New-York is under a debt of obligation to you for you recent independent and manly exposures of CHARLES AUGUSTUS DANA, in connection with his mean, contemptible, and villainous exploits since he assumed the direction of the now almost defunct paper called the *New-York Sun*. It was thought that this base and wretched publication was beneath the notice of any respectable journalist, but I and thousand others of your readers feel assured that you have had the pluck and indefatigable courage to unearth and expose him. Search the New-York Press from beginning to end for the last thirty years past, I do really think that so hideous a monster for personal invective never was known, not to speak at all of his other well-known idiosyncrasies; and when this foul personal libeler supposed that he could reside beneath shelter of everything which had respectability and influence connected with it, the TIMES comes independently to the rescue and exhibits the knave in his legitimate and true colors.

Yours, faithfully obliged VERITAS.

Fees on The Erie Railway.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

As you have permitted an attack to appear upon the management, by the plaintiff, of the action of FECK vs. The Erie Railway Company, I must request the publication of the following statement:

As soon as possible after the interposition of the first answer, the demurrer was interposed and argued. The proceedings were subsequently stayed, and the defendants paid the costs of the demurrer and put in a new answer.

The evidence produced on the part of the plaintiff was sufficient to satisfy the referee of the truth of the allegations set up in the complaint, and on which Judge INGRAHAM rendered the decision in my favor. The referee, though knowing of Judge INGRAHAM'S decision, differed in his conclusion of law, and found in favor of the defendants. The legal question in the case is as to the meaning of the words "net earnings," as used in the contract with the preferred stockholders. I have presented this question to the General Term as fully and as ably as I could. I know of nothing left undone to fairly present the question in this action. I asked to the Court all that Judges INGRAHAM and ROBERTS asked in favor of the plaintiff's position. If there is any more in the case than I have presented, I should like those who detract from the merits of my argument to furnish me with either propositions or authorities, and I will furnish them to the Court. Whatever I have done in this case I have done to the extent of my skill and ability to obtain a favorable decision for the plaintiff.

So far as the management of this suit is concerned there is no foundation for the remark that this is a collusive or fraudulent proceeding.

Respectfully yours,
THOMAS J. DARLINGTON,
Attorney for plaintiff, No. 120 Broadway.

The Marriage Question.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your correspondent, "Paterfamilias," says that furnishing daughters with marriage portions shows the demoralization of the age. Has not this been for years the custom in Europe, and among all classes? It will have to become the custom in New-York, as the City has grown to be such an expensive one, even if one lives in the quietest way. In the West, which is what New-York was years ago, the case is very different. I wish to ask "Paterfamilias" if he does not intend to give his sons a start in business, and, if so, is it not fair to give his daughters an equal amount to begin life on? I, as a mother, know how many unavoidable expenses there are in a family, and how hard a woman sometimes has to strive to make ends meet, and, as a mother, I intend to give my daughters a portion of their own. I have my own money—it has always been mine—and a great comfort to me. No one can dislike more than I do the effeminate and idle class of young men who look out for a rich wife. But, let me ask if "Paterfamilias" has brought up his daughters like, I presume, their mother was, or if they have been brought up in luxurious home and extravagant dress? If so, are they either to wait until they find a rich husband (or be made to practice an economy at a time when they are least able to bear it?

MATERFAMILIAS.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Feb. 5, 1871.

The Scheme.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I notice a letter in the NEW-YORK TIMES of Sunday, the 5th, signed JAMES BEID, in which he states that a very considerable sum of money has been collected by means of contributions levied upon the charitable and humane, which is to be given as a reward and recompense to the released Fenian prisoners. He further states that those funds could be more worthily disposed of to persons having a better claim on Fenian charity. I would like to remind Mr. BEID that those patriotic Irishmen who have lately arrived in America have little or no means, and were it not for those kind and generous men who collected $18,000 or $20,000 to supply their immediate wants, they would have been almost without a cent to support themselves until they can obtain situations or some other means of earning a livelihood. I am sorry to have to confess that there has been a great many imposters and swindling knaves at the head of the Fenian organization in America for the last four or five years, and they have brought disgrace upon Irish patriotism in America. Those persons have become connected with the Fenian organization so that they might have an opportunity to rob and swindle their fellow-countrymen, and poor, hard-working servant girls out of large sums of money. But it is not right that Mr. BEID should mix up those true and tried Irishmen who have lately landed in America with these unprincipled wretches who have been trading on Irish patriotism and Fenianism in America for some years past, and particularly in New-York, where the more humble class of the Irish people allow themselves to be made the tools of those unscrupulous politicians, who have recourse to the most degraded means to get themselves placed in political situations where they will have every opportunity to rob and swindle the public; and it is my sincere wish, and the wish of every honest Irishman, that Mr. O'DONOVAN ROSSA and his worthy companions should keep aloof from such swindlers.

Yours sincerely, JAMES BALE.

Down With the Dust.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I take the liberty of addressing you on a subject which I think is of considerable importance as regards the comfort of the citizens of New-York. An insertion of this in your valuable journal, will, I trust, have a tendency to abate the great nuisance to which I am about to refer. In passing up and down Broadway, I am an unwilling victim often (more particularly mornings, about the time when the street is getting the most crowded) of the powdering system of the sahmen, who are out about that time removing the ashes from the front of stores. Now, Mr. Editor, I think this is entirely inexcusable on the part of those having charge of this department. It should be so regulated as to have the ashes and garbage removed at a proper time, say early in the morning, or at about midnight, as I understood was the case in that well-regulated City of Paris before the war. I called at the office this morning to see the party having charge of this department, but found him not in, and informed his chief clerk of the purport of my errand. He said the matter should be attended to, and the nuisance abated, at all events to the extent of preventing the sahmen dumping the ashes in the street, and then shoveling the ashes in their carts, which he gave me to understand was contrary to the City ordinance. S. F. C.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 4, 1871.

The Allen-Street Presbyterian Church Revival.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In speaking of a revival of religion in the Allen-street Presbyterian Church, yesterday, your reporter said: "In a similar revival of religion four years ago, fifty persons united with the church." It may be an encouragement to some of your readers to know that in that revival 154 individuals united with this church in one day, and that during the three years' continuance of that work 331 persons were added to the church. T.

PERSONAL, POLITICAL, AND GENERAL.

A Cincinnati man applied in vain for insurance upon the ice covering a pond owned by him until he could house it.

Wisconsin has about 205,000 in its public schools, values its school property at $2,500,000, and pays its male teachers an average salary of $31 71 per month, and its female teachers, $27 40.

Mr. ROSEWATER, of the Legislature of Nebraska, has introduced a bill forbidding any person to practice medicine in that State without a license from the County Commissioners.

The new moral suasion temperance movement in Massachusetts is to be publicly inaugurated, by a State convention in Faneuil Hall, Boston, on the 22d of February.

Dr. C. E. BROWN-SEQUARD is to lecture in Boston today, in behalf of the suffering people of France, and Prof. AGASSIZ will preside at the meeting.

The site of the Spotswood Hotel, in Richmond, Va., has been sold for $50,000, and it is said a new hotel will be erected upon it by a joint stock company.

Something of a panic was caused in a Sunday-school in Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon, by the church taking fire from the heater. The fire was extinguished and the excitement quieted, and the school went on as usual.

A guest in a St. Louis hotel was found dead in his room on Friday morning. As he had not been seen since Tuesday evening, he is believed to have died on that night. His body was much decomposed when discovered.

Major THOMAS D. ARMSON, who was Secretary of State of New-Jersey from 1866 till 1869, and at one time editor of the Somerset *Messenger*, died of paralysis, in Atlanta, Ga., on the 1st inst., aged sixty years.

A New-Hampshire man, who recently had one of his great toes frozen, chopped it off with a mallet and chisel, thinking thus to be eased from pain, and finding himself most egregiously mistaken.

Mr. HILL having been admitted as Senator from Georgia, the Atlanta *New Era*, a Republican paper, expresses the hope that he will take a bold and decided stand against any and all interferences with the affairs of Georgia, except such as would, under the Constitution, apply in like cases to any other State in the Union.

A gentleman in Columbus, Ga., who stopped the other day to allow a boy leading a blind man out of a gate to pass him, was annoyed by the length of the procession, as behind those came a man with a hand-organ and a monkey, a negro on crutches, a lame mule and a three-legged dog.

A will filed in the San Francisco Probate Court reads: "San Francisco, Jan. 20, 1871.—All and any property standing in my name, real and personal, I leave to my wife, MARY ANDERSON, and the one day two daughters, MARY and JENNIE.—JOHN ANDERSON." The two daughters anxiously inquire whether they are a part of the legacy or shares in it.

A newspaper correspondent gives this as a full report of the response of a United States Senator elect to a serenade: "Those who know me best, know that I would rather work than talk. I am for the people, for liberty and the Constitution. I hope to meet you all while here in the Legislature in social talks, and, I had almost said, drinks."

There are not many residents in the northern part of Bowles County, Indiana, but the few there are making very loud and earnest complaints that the contractors for building a railroad have sent a gang of two hundred men into their forests, and that they are cutting down the trees for ties, defying all their attempts to restrain them from continuing their depredations.

Congressman BETHUNE, of Georgia, has written home to friends who wished their political disabilities removed, that it is safest for the applicant to make a written petition, addressed to Congress, stating therein his willingness or determination to support the government of the United States. He adds that such a statement or pledge is not understood to commit the applicant to the support of any particular party.

Antagonism between the whites and blacks in the Southern States is denounced by the Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist*, under its new management, as illogical, unpatriotic and fraught with mischief, and mischief only, to both races. It says: "There is no motive for persecuting a good citizen

LETTERS FROM ABROAD.

"Monadnock's" Notes on Recent Significant Events.

Britain's War Party and Condition—Bismarck's Late Circular and Its Effect—The Popular Ministers—Increase of Paupers in England—Affairs, Political and General, in Spain.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1871.

It is a sad, hard week for the friends of France, and of humanity, in England. Shells raining on beautiful Paris, and women and children killed in her streets; cold and famine quadrupling her death rate; mad night sallies everywhere repulsed; a city of two millions, after a four months' investment, writhing in her agony; CHANZY beaten after six days' fighting at Le Mans; BOURBAKI sent far away to the East by some inscrutable strategy; FAIDHERBE fighting bravely in the North, but too far away to bring relief to the Capital. The Winter has softened; the skies are bright, but this terrible conflict goes on, and grows every day more bitter, more cruel, more ferocious and horrible. The Conference is about to assemble, and Mr. MERRIMAN and the London Republicans have organised a great popular ovation to JULES FAVRE, on his arrival, if he comes. They have conferred with Col. HIGGINSON, the Chief of Police, about it, and promised to impede the traffic as little as possible. They assemble on the Thames embankment, and march to the big tree in Hyde Park. French, Irish, Italians, all the Republican refugees in London, even the Germans, to some extent, will be out; and a large section of the English working men.

BRITAIN'S WAR PARTY.

There is a war party—Prof. BEESLEY's and Mr. ODGERS'—and a peace party—Mr. LUCRAFT's—among the English working men. The war party urges the Government to demand for France an honorable peace, without cession of territory; and that, if this demand is not complied with, England should declare war against Germany, and send all her available forces to the aid of France. Available forces! Here is the trouble. England has no available forces ready to take the field. In a month she might possibly fit out an expedition of some thirty thousand men of all arms—little more than the Germans took prisoners in their last battles! Stout John Bull is enraged to find that he has neither arms, nor men, nor organization, when a great war is raging at his doors, when his treaties, which have cost so much blood and treasure, are torn up and thrown in his face; when Germany hates and Russia taunts him, and his sole ally is full of a bitter race at what she thinks his cowardly treachery. Army with army and fleet with fleet, England and France could have stood against the world. But when France rises from this terrible punishment, as rise she will, purified and strengthened by her suffering, can she ever be the ally of England again? Can England ask it? No; England can have no ally, and must be neutral for evermore. England, with her neutrality, has really helped Germany—at first by the moral aid of her sympathy and approval, and later by taking off her hands the care of her sick and wounded—by contributing immense sums of money, food, clothing, medicines and personal help toward the expenses of the war. English money and aid has relieved the German armies of a large portion of their *impedimenta*, saved the lives of the wounded, expedited their cure, and sent them back to their regiments to fight again. English humanity has thus finished what English neutrality begun, and sided Germany to conquer—her "noble ally."

BISMARCK'S RECENT CIRCULAR.

The recent circular of Count BISMARCK meets with small favor here. He fails to answer the accusations of the French, and he only returns recriminations, or what the English papers call coarse invective. "The people of France are coarsely assailed, because they venture to defend themselves. Has it become the law of European warfare that when Germany demands submission other nations must obey? BISMARCK says the French Government does not desire peace; but when has Germany offered it? The bombardment of Paris shows that the war is for humiliation as well as conquest." I copy this from a moderate liberal paper. The *Daily Advertiser* compares WILLIAM of Prussia to King Herod, not to the advantage of the former. Raining shells into the streets, schools and hospitals of Paris, and killing little children by the dozen, is certainly an improvement on the Jewish potentate. NERO enjoying the conflagration of Rome perhaps comes nearer, but NERO had no idea of crushing a starving city of two millions of people under a storm of fiery shells.

Mr. Gladstone's Government—Position of the Popular Ministers—Newspaper Advice—Industrial Prosperity—"Condensed Opinion"—Increase of Pauperism.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 21, 1871.

Mr. GLADSTONE's Government is having a very hard time of it. Mr. BRIGHT was a strong tower with the Radicals, though they have run so far beyond him that he has become almost a Conservative—but he has left the Ministry, and it is very doubtful whether his voice and vote will support them in the coming session. Mr. CHICHESTER FORTESCUE, "the husband of his wife," as a German paper irreverently calls him, was a power in Ireland, or had a power beside him in the social abilities of the Countess DE WALDEGRAVE, but as President of the Board of Trade he is a round man in a very square place. The Marquis of HARTINGTON, with his boyish face, did well enough as Postmaster-General, but he is quite too verdant-looking for the Emerald Isle, where the people are not green, whatever the country may be. Mr. CHILDERS, who has been an active and rather popular Naval Secretary is so ill that the *Times* reported his resignation. Mr. CARDWELL is in a hopeless muss with the army, and is attacked on all sides, in the Press, in public meetings, and by an outraged people, because there is no army, and the army has no drill, and the guns have no powder, and whereas Paris has held out four months, London could not resist a day, and whereas France has had six armies defeated and is organizing six more, England has not a single corps ready to fight the smallest battle if she were attacked to-morrow.

THE POPULAR MINISTERS.

The popular Ministers are no better off. Mr. GLADSTONE, who is considered by some people a wordy prig of the solemn order—a political Pecksniff—is vigorously repudiated by his Greenwich constituents, after having been defeated in Oxford and South Lancashire. He has soundly berated both Germans and French, and is therefore by both equally detested. Mr. FORSTER had a row, the other night, with his constituents at Bradford, and after a long, dull speech a meeting of his own friends passed a vote of censure on his Education bill. Mr. STANSFELD, more Democratic, and therefore more popular, fared little better at Halifax. There was a great tumult, questions rattled upon him like hail, and two resolutions of want of confidence were thrown in his face in the matters of the Contagious Diseases acts and the Education bill. Mr. LOWE and Mr. AYRTON have not thought it expedient to appeal to their constituents, but the public generally are annoyed with both. And this is the condition of a Ministry that in a few days must meet Parliament and tell them that France is crushed, Paris bombarded, perhaps destroyed, Germany insolent, Russia defiant, America urgent, and England defenseless. Not a pleasant prospect.

NEWSPAPER ADVICE.

The *Times*, which has taken the Government under its patronage; which, it is believed, graciously allows Cabinet Ministers now and then to write its leading articles, gives Mr. STANSFELD a lecture on his too radical and too ambitious speech at Halifax. It says:

"There is no wish either in Parliament or the country to upset the present Government, yet it is better the truth should be told. There is an uneasiness, a certain amount of dissatisfaction, of vague discontent, a want of perfect confidence manifested by a thousand signs to those who keep their eyes open to see what is to be seen. Men say that the statesmen of Mr. GLADSTONE's Ministry have in their movements, in the way in which they avoided meeting during the Autumn was a scandal; and there is a fear—which cannot, perhaps, be supported by strict evidence—that when they meet they shrink from difficult questions, turn away their eyes from hard tasks, and hope that by some wonder difficulties such difficulties may be got rid of by being left alone. Hence, possibly, an almost jealous attention was devoted to Mr. STANSFELD's speech. A modification of the Ministry is imminent, or is even now in progress, and Mr. STANSFELD is named as the man who is to come into the Cabinet as the representative of advanced Liberalism—of the party that has ideas and aims. Under such circumstances, what is to be said of his speech on Thursday at Halifax? It is a bad copy of the bad manner of his master. If may advance him at once to a seat in the Cabinet, it will by its silliness, its want of imitation, put it will not advance him in the judgment of the public. We exhort him to stop in his career of declension before it is too late. Let him get back out of the bad way with all speed, and we will do our best to forget that he ever wandered into it."

The first statement in this pregnant paragraph need not be taken literally. There are plenty of people in and out of Parliament who are determined to upset the Gladstone Cabinet.

INDUSTRIAL PROSPERITY.

The only people in England contented with the actual state of things are the manufacturers. German and French competition has vanished. The tremendous waste of the war compels both countries to get supplies from England, and the trade in cotton, coarse woolens, arms, powder, munitions of all kinds, railway rolling-stock, &c., is very active. England is prospering on the war, and those who are so prospering do not quarrel with what puts money in their pockets. France is wounded, pillaged, and bleeding to death, but England profits by her exhaustion. War in Europe or America is profitable to England, and those who care only for profit are not likely to do anything to put a stop to such wars. "You fight, we flourish. Fight away my hearties, and we will find guns and powder, coal and clothing. Stop the fight? oh, no! We prefer to be bottle-holders for both!" Some of the German papers are as scornful toward England in this matter as the French are bitter.

"CONDENSED" OPINION.

The English magazines and reviews naturally condemn the public opinion of the journals and of speeches. England is in disgrace, her statesmen have no policy, her colonial Empire is in imminent danger of dissolution. A writer in the *Graphic* sensibly says of these diatribes: "It is very easy to accuse the Ministry of imbecility, but the real fault lies with the English people, who have for years past been content to look at colonial questions from a breeches-pocket point of view. The Continental hurricane has aroused them from their dreams of a calico millennium; Cobdenism is at a discount, and now they are all distracted because such men as Messrs. GLADSTONE and CARDWELL do not rise to the stature of a Bismarck and a Moltke. Mr. W. R. GREGG, in the *Contemporary Review*, lays the whole mischief at the doors of democracy, in which, he says, the majority never really govern; they are too ignorant and too lazy. They allow affairs to be managed by a clique, [Ring?] who are more often than not a set of dishonest and mischievous busybodies. The aristocratic system, he thinks, affords surer guarantees of genuine liberty." Put that in your Yankee pipes, and smoke it.

INCREASE OF PAUPERISM.

Parliament meets on the 9th of February. The chief question of the session will be the national defense—but Mr. MILL will, probably, make his attack on the Established Church, and Prof. FAWCETT will have something to say upon the fact that in spite of the vast and increasing national wealth there are one million of paupers in England, and one hundred and fifty thousand in the Metropolis. The pauperism of the eastern districts of London has increased during the past five years by tens of thousands; and there is no week in the Winter in which numbers do not perish of cold and hunger. Even paupers having out-door relief are found starved, because the amount given is not enough to sustain life. The shells of the tender-hearted German Emperor are more merciful than the scanty doles of London guardians. Paris, under the horrors of siege and bombardment, does not suffer more than London, with its actual small-pox epidemic and growing pauperism. MONADNOCK.

SPAIN.

Beset by Office-Seekers—The New Ministry and Its Policy—A Political Programme—The National Finance—The Future.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRID, Thursday, Jan. 12, 1871.

After having formed a Ministry of conciliation, the Duc DE LA TORRE, Gen. PRIM's successor finds his first movements seemingly embarrassed by the difficulty of satisfying the numerous aspirants for office. To obtain a well-paid sinecure, or to preserve the places which they held under PRIM, the Deputies of the majority (191) are all clamorous, and it is not easy to ignore their pretensions. You have no idea of the amount of discontent and anger which has already cropped out of the difficulty of satisfying them. On the other hand, all monarchical Governments in Spain have, at the commencement of their reign, made it a point of signalizing themselves by some act which has recommended them to public consideration. This means, employed by intelligent Ministers, has more than once served to render less painful the transition from one Government to another, and to impart a little prestige to the new monarchy among the proletary class.

POLICY OF THE NEW MINISTRY.

The advent of the Duc D'AOSTA has not been characterized by any act which, on the part of responsible Ministers, would justify us in regarding them as the men of progress, which they dare to call themselves. Not a single act of amnesty, either partial or general; not a single work undertaken with a view to give bread to the starving working classes has as yet marked the inauguration of the new reign. It might be said that once in possession of their portfolios, the Ministers believe that there is nothing more to be desired; nothing more to be done. If they wanted to discredit the new monarchy they could not have acted otherwise. Instead of postponing the payment of taxes by Provinces ruined by the dearth of last Summer; instead of undertaking the construction of new railways, roads and canals; instead of founding charitable establishments and reorganising the penitentiaries, which are only a stage more or less protracted of debauchery, and great schools of crime; instead of inaugurating a policy frankly liberal, beneficent and expansive; instead of establishing the empire of the laws and causing them to be respected by every one, and respecting themselves the Constitution of 1869, they present the evil example of being the first to infringe the fundamental law. They trample upon the articles of the Constitution which ordain that the jury system shall be applied to the trial of political as well as Press offenses; they maintain the state of siege in five of the principal provinces of Spain; they rigorously prosecute the Carlists and the Republicans, and consign them to secret imprisonment in filthy dungeons, and this without the authority of a Judge. Not content with this, they suppress the habeas corpus of the Spanish Constitution, which has been textually copied from that of England, and to defend their acts they have in their pay a regular phalanx of corrupt and unscrupulous journalists.

A POLITICAL PROGRAMME.

The new King, in concert with Gen. SERRANO, had expressed in the council of Ministers the desire that a political programme should be drawn up and printed, in order that the Spanish people might learn what they had to expect from the new dynasty and from the "Ministry of conciliation." M. MARTOS, Minister of Foreign Affairs and a Liberal, was charged with the duty of drawing up this programme, in the absence of M. ZORILLA, who is confined to his bed by a serious attack of illness. M. MARTOS acquitted himself of the task. He read the document to several influential friends, Democrats like himself, but the Council of Ministers found it too liberal, and rejected the text of M. MARTOS, who declared his intention of retiring from the Cabinet, if the ideas expressed in the document were in any considerable degree modified. To speak frankly, there are at present in Spain but two parties who for the moment dispute the advantage of directing Spanish policy. These are the Liberals and the Conservatives. The Conservatives, or Unionists, would like to find an opportunity of disembarrassing themselves of the Liberals who are in the Ministry, before entering upon the new elections for the municipalities, the Councils General, the Chamber of Deputies, and the Senate, which are to take place between this and the 9th of May next. The present tendency of the intrigues which are in progress, is to leave the Union Liberals exclusive possession of the Cabinet. Should the movement succeed, good-by to the last relics of liberty which Spain enjoys. It will be said that this unfortunate nation will be always placed between the alternatives of a blind and furious reaction or a revolution. The leaders of this policy, urged on by a spirit of exclusiveness, which has ruined them up to the present day, are far from abjuring the errors of the past. They are always the same men, with the same voracious appetites, the same amount of ambition and pride, which induced them to rush into extremes to satisfy their passions.

THE NATIONAL FINANCES.

One of the great obstacles to the development of moral and material progress is the precarious condition of the Spanish Treasury. You are under the impression, probably, that the new Minister of Finance is occupying himself with economical reforms, with the development of commerce, agriculture and industry. You are much mistaken. He busies himself in giving to the creditors of the State vain hopes, or, at least, to those who are the least pressing for their money. As to the creditors who refuse to wait he makes them take in place of money for the coupons which are due, Treasury bonds of the loan of 900,000,000. The consequence is that the Three per Cents are declining daily as well as all the other securities, and that Spain finds herself impoverished, without the Ministers applying a remedy to the root of the evil and thus saving the finances of the State from total shipwreck.

THE FUTURE.

As regards the internal security and tranquility of the country, I am sorry to say the new reign has brought us no improvement. Assassinations and robberies are becoming more frequent and daring than ever. In Grenada, a few nights ago, a young Englishman was robbed and stripped to the skin at rather an early hour of the evening, by a couple of bandits. I could multiply instances of this sort, but the catalogue would not be amusing. If the Government does not speedily apply itself to the reform of the finances and the vigorous administration of the laws against the brigands in high as well as low places, the new dynasty will soon fall into as great discredit as its predecessors.

Activity of Methodism—The Fre chers' Meeting.

Yesterday, being the first Monday in the month, the Methodist preachers spent their session in devotional exercises. Christian experiences were related, and exhortations given by Messrs. DUDS, CARTER, DEVINES, COKEMAN and others. Chaplain McCABE, the agent of the Church Extension Society, speaking on the work of that Society, said that during the last two and a half years its income has increased from $46,000 to $120,000, and is going up steadily to a quarter of a million a year, and when it reaches that point they will be able to build a church every day in the year. As it is now they have built or aided 200 churches in all parts of this land, and created half a million dollars' worth of real estate during the past year. In connection with the different branches of Methodism, four churches a day for every working day in the year have been and are being dedicated. Give the Society a cent a day per membership of the Church, and it can place 250 missionaries in India, 250 more in China, another 250 in Africa and the islands of the sea, and a fourth 250 in Europe, and keep them there with rarely an broken, and this could be done if ministers performed their whole duty in this regard. The wise or unwise policy of the Methodist Church, in sustaining an official Press, is to be discussed next week.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The attendance at the Exchange yesterday (Feb. 6) was limited, and no business was transacted. The legal sale of a lot on the southeast corner of Sixty-first-street and Fourth-avenue, by E. E. LUDLOW & Co., under the direction of ALFRED T. ACHERT, Esq., referee, which was expected to take place, was not made, owing to the fact that the suit, involving the title to the property, has been settled.

In Brooklyn, yesterday, at the rotunda in the County Court-house, ROBERTS & MCGUIRE, of New-York, at a Supreme Court sale in partition, under the direction of GRATZ NATHAN, Esq., referee, sold several parcels of improved property located on Sands, Charles and Washington streets, in that city, respectively. The attendance at the sale was quite large, and the prices realized fair. Full particulars as to the location, size of lots, quality of buildings, &c., will be found in the summary annexed. The names of the purchasers are also appended.

For today several auctions are announced to take place at the Exchange, No. 111 Broadway, as follows: ROBERTS & MCGUIRE will dispose of property located on Washington-street, corner of Jane, and also two houses and lots on Suffolk-street. JAMES M. MILLER will sell fourteen lots with the improvements thereon, situated on the north side of One Hundred and Eighteenth-street, east of Avenue A., while LAWRENCE OAKLEY & FLEURY will dispose of a house and lot on Fifty-third-street, near Second and Third avenues. All the above transactions are of a legal character.

In the list of property offered at private sale in our advertising columns, will be found the desirable premises known as the Alhambra Club-house, located on the south side of East Sixteenth-street, between Union-square and Fifth-avenue. The lot is 97 feet 6 inches front, with a depth of 181 feet, and the building covers the entire ground. Full particulars as to the price asked and permits to inspect the house, can be obtained of Mr. HENRY ROSENBLATT, No. 455 Broadway.

Sales in Brooklyn Monday, Feb. 6, 1871.

BROOKLYN.

By Roberts & McGuire.

2 2-story frame houses and lots, w. s., Nos. 200 and 202 Washington-st., between Concord and Tillary sts., sold together, plot 47x100.2x47.0x 100.6; J. M. Hooker $6,300

2-story and attic frame h. and l., n. s., (old) No. 128 Sands-st., 20 ft. w. of Clur-st., lot 22x 97.4; J. M. Clancy 3,100

1-story frame h. and l. w. s. Charles-st., 50 ft. s. of Prospect-st., lot 17.6x50; J. Kearney 1,575

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FOR SALE ON MURRAY HILL, Five of the best location in this City, an elegant English basement house, finished in hard wood, with walls and ceilings frescoed and decorated by Marcotte; the house is well built and in perfect order from cellar to garret; has burglar alarm, Hanson pump, wooden mantel, and everything of the best and most costly quality; the furniture was mostly made to order in Paris; carpets made to order; price, $27,500 without, or $27,000 with furniture; mortgage, $12,000 at 7 per cent. Per further particulars apply to TAYLOR & STEARNS, No. 1½ Pine-st.

MESSRS. FRANK G. & DAVISON BROWN, No. 100 Broadway, having increasing demands and orders for all kinds of improved property, respectfully solicit the patronage of real-estate owners who desire to place their property under the attention paid to the disposition of property placed exclusively in their hands.

FOR SALE—A FOUR-STORY HIGH-STOOP modern-fronted brown-stone house, 20.10x55, lot 100 feet; 46th-st., between 5th-av. and Broadway; $19,500; terms easy. Also, a printed list of other dwellings. For sale by V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—A THREE-STORY HIGH-STOOP brick dwelling, No. 317 West 53d-st., 22 feet from the corner of Broadway as widened; the house is 22x 50x100.1; is in good order, and can be bought at a great bargain. Apply on the premises or of KILPATRICK & HOLMES, No. 46 East 23d-st.

A COUNTRY HOME.—PLUSHING twenty minutes from 34th-st.; modern house, all the conveniences; green-house, stable and out-buildings; three and one-half acres; in complete order; price low; terms easy. Address H. W. LEAVITT & CO., No. 113 Wall-st.

FRANKLIN-SQUARE.—FOR SALE—A large piece on Pearl-st. front, extending through to Water-st., suitable for a large mercantile or manufacturing business; carts can run from Water-st. into the basement of Pearl-st. front. Full particulars from HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—THE FOUR LOTS TOGETHER, on the four-story brick building thereon, situate on West 27th-st., near 9th-av., suitable for manufacturing purposes. Apply to MULLER, WILKINS & CO., No. 7 Pine-st.

FOR SALE AN ELEGANT FOUR-STORY brown-stone high-stoop dwelling, in 76th-st., near Madison-av.; the house is tenantless; just finished, and in complete order.
KILPATRICK & HOLMES, No. 46 East 23d-st.

FOR SALE—THE SUBSCRIBERS OFFER houses and lots in all parts of the City for sale. Parties looking for cheap and desirable building lots, or dwellings, are invited to call and examine our lists.
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$225,000 TO LOAN ON BOND AND mortgage, in sums to suit, on improved and accessible unincumbered City property, and mortgages cashed by V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—ON 5TH-AV., OPPOSITE Central Park, an elegant four-story brown-stone house; strictly first-class; only $80,000.
WARD & OGDEN, Broadway, corner 17th-st.

A VERY CHEAP HOUSE—BROWN-stone high-stoop, 18 feet wide, in 57th (wide) st., marble halls; altogether first-class; only $60,000.
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FOR SALE, NEAR 5TH-AV., IN 3RD-ST., four-story brown-stone house, high stoop, first-class, hard-wood finish, $38,000.
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FOR SALE—A THREE-STORY HIGH-stoop brick dwelling on 21st-st., between 2d and 3d avs.; will be sold cheap. Apply to KILPATRICK & HOLMES, No. 46 East 23d-st.

TENEMENT PROPERTY, WELL rented, for sale at a bargain; will pay good interest on investment. Apply to A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—DESIRABLE BUILDING LOTS on 5th and Madison avs., near Central Park; also on the west side, near to and on the Boulevards.
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$8,500 FOR VERY DESIRABLE lot on 21st-st., near Seventh-av., 18 feet front.
HATCH & RIKER, No. 1,393 Broadway.

CEDAR, MACDAGE OFFICE, GROUND floor, 70 Cedar, corner Nassau, conveniences and convenient property, at fair prices, readily disposed of.

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$10,000 FOR A THREE-STORY high-stoop, brown-stone house in Warren-st., Brooklyn; very little cash wanted.
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Country Homes.

The Central New-Jersey Land Improvement Company offer for sale, on the line of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey, at

BAYONNE, BERGEN POINT, ELIZABETH, ROSELLE, WESTFIELD, FANWOOD, PLAINFIELD, SOMERVILLE, CLINTON, BLOOMSBURG, &c.

Lots and Houses, Fine building sites, with land by the acre. Also, fine farms improved. A full description of property can be seen at this office. This line of road offers special inducements to persons desiring a country home. Apply at the office of the Company, No. 189 Liberty-st.
A. D. HOPE,
General Agent.

Also, a large number of HOUSES and LOTS at Newark, N. J., for sale or to let.

CITY AND COUNTRY RESIDENCE Combined, in the most promising part of Elizabeth; fifty trains each way daily (time thirty to forty-five minutes); every advantage of good markets, schools, churches, pavements, gas, water, police, &c. For sale, a beautiful cottage house, on extra large lot, with walks, drives, fruit and shade trees, gardens, modern fixtures and abundant closets; within two minutes of depot at West Elizabeth. This property is believed to offer more united advantages for comfortable and accessible suburban residence than any place of like character and cost now in market. Worth $15,000. Will be sold for less. Part payment can remain indefinitely. For particulars address OWNER, Box No. 228 Post-office, New-York.

$6,000.—ONE AND A QUARTER acres, within 5 miles New-Milford Depot, N. J., New-Jersey; one hour from New-York; residence containing ten rooms; good stables; two and a half acres of land, with over 500 feet frontage on turnpike; excellent water.
HAMILTON & WALLIS,
No. 2 Nassau-st., corner Pine-st.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, lands and village lots for sale; a great variety, beautifully situated, 45 minutes to 1 hour from N. Y. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 343 Broadway, Rooms 10 to 11; or Orange, corner Main and Cone-sts.

FOR SALE—AT NEW-BRIGHTON, S. I., A large cottage, situated on the front terrace, near the Pavilion Hotel; house contains eight bedrooms; size of lot 80x100; valuable water right; price $10,000. Apply to WHITTEMORE & CO., No. 54 Exchange-place, New-York.

ORANGE, N. J., AND VICINITY.—DESIRABLE houses, lots, country-seats, and farms for sale, exchange, and to let. Apply to A. D. MELLICK, JR., & BRO., Pine-st., opposite the station, or to general office, No. 6 Pine-st., New-York.

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REAL ESTATE WANTED.

WANTED—A MEDIUM-SIZE BRICK OR brown-stone high-stoop house in a good neighborhood, in exchange for unencumbered vacant lots in the upper part of the City. Address CASTOR, Box No. 2,016 Post-office.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE IN BANKRUPTCY.—Under and by virtue of an order of the Hon. Samuel Blatchford, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York, in Bankruptcy, dated Nov. 4, 1870, the undersigned, assignee in bankruptcy of WILLIAM PAULDING, offers at private sale all the real and personal property late of said PAULDING, which is situated in the City of Poughkeepsie, consisting of the Whale Dock Company property, about 23 feet front on the Hudson River, and 350 feet deep, together with large and valuable brick and other buildings thereon, with the engines, boilers, shafting and machinery thereon, and a dwelling-house, carriage-house, stables, &c. Offers will be entertained for the whole or any part of said property.

If said property is not disposed of at private sale before that date, it will be offered at public auction, on the premises, on the 23d day of February, 1871, at noon on that day.

On the same day there will be sold a lot of paint-barrels, spirit-barrels, ten-gallon kegs, beef-tierces, &c., &c., unless sooner sold at private sale.
POUGHKEEPSIE, Jan. 27, 1871.
DEVO SMITH, Assignee,
No. 271 Main-st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
C. SWAN, Attorney, No. 263 Main-st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

BLACK HAWK GOLD MINING COMPANY OF NEW-YORK.
AUCTION SALE BY TRUSTEES.

Notice is hereby given that we the undersigned, BENJAMIN WHITE and BERIAH WALL of the City of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, trustees and in executors of the powers in us vested by the deed of trust executed to us by said Black Hawk Gold Mining Company, bearing date on the twenty-eighth day of May, A. D. 1866, and duly recorded, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, on the eleventh day of May, 1871, at 12 o'clock, at noon, all the estate, lands, quartz lode mining claims, mines, minerals, mining rights and interests, lands and premises, stamps, levels, mills and mill sites, stamp-houses, dwellings and other buildings and structures, water-powers, trees and falls of water, water-courses, and water-rights and privileges, water-wheels, flumes, ditches, furnaces, engines, steam-powers, tools, machinery, effects, tools and fixtures, and all other estates and property, real, personal or mixed, of said Black Hawk Gold Mining Company, situate in the County of Gilpin, in the Territory of Colorado, and conveyed to us in the deed of trust aforesaid, and all the interest and title of said Company therein.

Reference is hereby made, as a part of this notice, and for a full description of said estate and property, to said deed of trust, which may be examined at the office of W. E. Whittingham, No. 11 Wall-st., New-York City.

Terms of sale will be made known at the time and place of sale.

BENJAMIN WHITE, BERIAH WALL, } Trustees.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., Auctioneers.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9, AT 12 M., AT THE EXCHANGE SALES-ROOM, NO. 111 BROADWAY.—FIVE BUILDING LOTS ON HOPE AND LOT ON WEST 23D-ST., BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH HAIGHT, DECEASED.

WEST TWENTY-THIRD-STREET.—The four-story brown-stone house, with high stoop and the lot, on the north side, between 6th and 7th avs.; lot 20 feet by half the block; house, 20 by 50 feet; this property is in excellent condition; price, $17,500 without, or $17,000 with furniture; mortgage, $8,000 at 7 per cent.

HOPE.—Two mirrors will be sold separately from the house.

Maps at No. 37 Cedar-st.
F. R. SHIRMAN, Executor, No. 34 Wall-st.

MORRIS WEIKES, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY ON MONROE-ST. (RUTGERS-PLACE) AND CHERRY-ST., AT AUCTION.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Feb. 9, 1871, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York:

MONROE AND CHERRY STREETS.—Six nineteen valuable lots on Monroe-st. (Rutgers-place) and Cherry-st., between Jefferson and Clinton sts., together with the three-story frame dwelling known as the Crosby Mansion, covering about 40x60 feet; each lot 20 feet front and rear by about 103 feet deep. Terms of sale: Fifty per cent of the purchase money can remain on bond and mortgage for three years at 7 per cent interest.

Maps, &c., at No. 3 Pineapple, New-York.

MORRIS WEIKES, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF NO. 81 MAIDEN-LANE.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO., will sell at auction, on FRIDAY, Feb. 10, 1871, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building, New-York: The valuable property, No. 81 Maiden-lane, Jonathan Edwards, Executors of Ann McGready, deceased.

MAIDEN-LANE.—The valuable lot, with the three-story and cellar brick dwelling, No. 81 Maiden-lane, north side, 20.3 feet west of Gold-street. Building covers entire lot, being 20.11 feet front, 20.11 feet rear, by 80.6 feet in depth, east side, and 81 feet west side, rented until May 1, 1871, at $1,800 per annum.

Fifty per cent can remain on bond and mortgage.

Maps, &c., at the auctioneer's office, No. 4 Pine-st.

MORRIS WEIKES, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY, NOS. 216 AND 218 CHERRY-ST., NEAR PIKE-ST., AT AUCTION.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Feb. 9, 1871, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York:

CHERRY-ST.—The valuable property on north side of Cherry-st., between Pike and Pearl-sts., known as Nos. 216 and 218, together with the three-story and attic brick houses, each 22.6 ft. by about 45 ft. 10 in. deep; with possession May 1, 1871; lot each 22.6x119 ft.

Terms of sale, maps, &c., at auctioneer's office, No. 4 Pine-st., New-York.

MORRIS WEIKES, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY, NO. 216 6TH-AV., OPPOSITE AMITY-ST.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Feb. 9, 1871, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York:

SIXTH-AVENUE.—The valuable property on west side of 6th-av., known as No. 216, directly opposite Amity-st., together with the four-story and cellar brick store and dwelling, 17.10x56 feet, and three-story extension 17.10x37 feet; lot 17.10x100 feet. Possession May 1, 1871, or sooner if desired. $18,000 may remain on bond and mortgage. Maps, &c., at No. 4 Pine-st., New-York.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LOT, NO. 191 WEST 115TH-ST. AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Feb. 9, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

WEST TWENTY-THIRD-STREET.—The three-story high-stoop brick house and lot, situate on the north side of West 126th-st., between 6th and 7th avs., No. 191. The house is 18 feet deep, contains the modern improvements, and is in good order; lot 20x103.8 feet.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., Auctioneers.

WEST 23D-ST. NEAR 6TH-AV.—LOT 25 FT. 11 IN. at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

HARLEM PROPERTY.

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH-STREET.—Two-story brick house, No. 206 West 111th-st., between 7th and 8th avs., built by day's work; contains all the modern improvements, and is in fine order.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH-STREET.—Five lots, a. s., 125 feet east of 3d-av.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF STORE NO. 238 GREENWICH-ST.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Feb. 9, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

GREENWICH-STREET.—The four-story brick store and lot, situate on the westerly side of Greenwich-st., between Duane and Jay sts., No. 238. Lot 20x70 feet.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET—SOME OF THE BEST ARRANGED and most conveniently located apartments in the City; four lines of cars pass within one block; each floor is complete in itself, and has range, bath-room, water-closet, &c., and will be rented reasonable to first-class tenants only.
Apply to
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HOUSES AND STORES TO LET OR LEASE.—The undersigned will, as heretofore, give special attention to renting houses and dwellings. Parties having such to lease during the coming season and desirous of engaging our services, will oblige by sending a memorandum to our office at an early day, or a new page will be added to our catalogue. ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO., No. 1 Pine-st.

TO LET AT RYE—ON THE MILTON road, ten minutes' walk from the depot, a good and convenient house, containing 12 rooms, cistern and well water brought into the house, stable, coach-house and carriage-house, fruit and pasture for cow, three acres of ground, &c.; a very pleasant and healthy place; rent $600 per annum. Inquire of WM. MATHEWS, No. 54 Catharine-st., New-York; or Mr. FIELD, ticket agent, Rye depot.

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HOUSES TO LET, DESIRABLY LOCATED, and with all the modern improvements. No. 29 East Washington-place, No. 11 East 12th-st., No. 61 West 18th-st., 7th-av., near 44th-st., 6 West 46th-st., 6 West 47th-st., near 5th-av., and 6 West 47th-st. Apply to WM. & E. A. CRUIKSHANK, Broadway, 7th-av., and 44th-st., or No. 55 Broadway.

TO LET—FROM MAY 1, ELEGANT BROWN-stone houses, Nos. 146 West 34th-st.; rent $2,400; and No. 254 West 23d-st., $1,800, in perfect order; also, a four-story house on 24th-st. Apply to ROBERT USHER, Jr., No. 128 West 34th-st.

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TO LET—FURNISHED, NEAR BROADway, in 21st-st., 5-story brown-stone house, in excellent condition, with all improvements.
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Regular Mail Steamers are appointed to sail on the following days:
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STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
PENNSYLVANIA, Lawton, Saturday, Feb. 11, at 10 A. M.
ITALY, Grogan, Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 P. M.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $75 and $80, currency, according to accommodation.
Steerage passage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry and Glasgow, $30 currency.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
P. W. J. HURST, Manager.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, TOUCHING AT BREST, WASHINGTON, BEARNOIS, THURSDAY, Feb. 2.
LAFAYETTE, ROUSSAN, SATURDAY, Feb. —.
NOTE—The Washington will sail direct for Bordeaux.
For freight or passage apply to
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 55 Broadway.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Class, $125 to $175. Steerage, $60.
according to the location of berth.
These rates include berths, board and all necessaries after the trip.
Passengers for the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon
ON 5TH AND 27TH OF EACH MONTH,
except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
Feb. 20, HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. Gray, can touch at MANZANILLO, if inducements offer.
Departure of 20th every month will touch at San Juan del Sur, Guatemala and Punta Arenas.
Steamer GREAT REPUBLIC will leave San Francisco March 1, 1871, for China and Japan.
Steamer CITY OF TOKIO will go first, and be followed by the Great Republic.
Freight for Great Republic will be received until 4 P. M. Saturday, Feb. 18.
Freight for China and Japan will be received until 4 P. M. on Friday, Feb. 17, only. All the steamers facilities offered shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.
For freight or passage tickets, and all further information, apply at the office, Pier No. 42 North River.
F. B. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND HAVANA.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 20th of every month:
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. R. L. THELEPLAIN, Feb. 21.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. G. P. DAYSON, March 21.
MERRIMACK, Capt. WISE, April 20.
These splendid steamers sail on alternate days, and will at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going direct to Montevideo. For passage or freight or passage, apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River, foot of Morris-st.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS, (via Nassau).....Feb. 9.
COLUMBIA, Capt. C. H. DAYTON.....Feb. 16.
BENJAMIN, Capt. J. B. ENGLEBERTS, (via Nassau).Feb. 23.
For freight or passage, apply to
A. W. DIMOCK, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.—New-York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line, Sailing Pier 11 E. River, at 4 P. M., direct to Havana:
CITY OF MERIDA, (for freight), ... Tuesday, Feb. 7
CITY OF MEXICO, Timmerman.....Friday, Feb. 17
CLEOPATRA, Phillips, (for freight), ... Monday, Feb. 27
CITY OF MERIDA, Dexter.....Thursday, March 9
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 22 Broadway.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.
CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF R. R. RAILROAD.
FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK.
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
THE STEAM-SHIPS
LEO, Capt. DRAKOKE, TUESDAY, Feb. 7, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
Nos. 41 and 43 South-st.
GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MALLORY, THURSDAY, Feb. 9, from Pier No. 38 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 12 Broad-st.
SAN JACINTO, Capt. ADAMS, SATURDAY, Feb. 11, from Pier No. 5 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.
HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, Feb. 18, from Pier No. 16 North River, at 3 P. M.
E. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 16 Wall-st.
Passage by this line ONE-HALF PERCENT. superior accommodations for passengers.
Through rated and bills of lading in connection with the Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.
C. D. OWENS, Agent, Pier 16 E. R.
GEORGE YONGE, Agent, No. 22 Broadway.

DELAWARE AND NEW-YORK S. S. CO.—Pier 1 E. R., foot of Wall-st. Steamers leave for Lewes, Del., every Tuesday, at 3 P. M., taking freight for all points on the Delaware and Breakwater and Delaware Railroad. Returning, leave Lewes every Saturday, at 4 P. M., on arrival of the train. For freight and passage apply at office on pier.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.
Persons of wealth, going to travel on the Continent of Europe, will find it to their advantage, before sailing, should never leave Paris without their letters of credit, as they are invaluable in relieving the traveler from the annoyance of loss and trouble, and in supplying the best accommodations, as protecting the holder from imposition, and an immunity of annoyance to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Credits and trustworthy courier and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying at the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 2 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

SHIPPING.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
Atlantic Mail Steam-ship Company's steamer COLUMBIA, Capt. R. VAN SICKLEN, will sail Jan. 26, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
A. W. DIMOCK, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FINANCIAL.

COMPLETION
OF THE
Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Railway.
THE FIRST MORTGAGE
7 per Ct. Gold Bonds,
COUPON OR REGISTERED,
FREE OF U. S. TAX,
Principal and Interest Payable in Gold,
ON A FINISHED ROAD.
FOR SALE AT
90 and Accrued Interest in Currency.
The last rail of this important road was laid on the 30th of January, thus completing the enterprise and establishing a connection between St. Paul and St. Louis, being a direct line shorter than any existing route, and nearly 200 miles shorter than any existing rival route for the travel between these points.
By this line also the shortest route from Chicago to the great grain fields of Minnesota is shortened 60 miles, and a great central proprietary property, extending from Chicago to the Missouri River, is created.
The First Mortgage Bonds are a First Mortgage, amounting only to $20,000 per mile on a line of road which has cost $40,000 per mile; the balance having been supplied by liberal subscriptions to the stock, at par, made by the working men of the Road, whose interest in it is thus rendered equal in intrinsic value to that of the first owners.
The earnings of the Road in the incomplete state, and while deprived entirely of through connection, have been for the past three months in excess of its interest, and have been in excess of the Bonds after deducting operating expenses. No Road in the United States can show a better record during its inception. When to added to this incentive way-traffic the profits of the grain crop from the unsurpassed lands of the wheat crop of Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota, all of which must seek a market over this line, the result cannot but be a showing which will give the Bondholder a profit on his investment, in addition to paying the interest to the Bondholder as heretofore. The privilege which attaches to the Bonds of conversion into Stock as per will shortly assume practical value, and by the privilege the Bondholders will, by the conversion, be entitled to share in any excess of earnings which may accrue to the Road.
A small amount, $400,000 in all, of the bonds yet unsold are still offered at the subscription price of 90 and the accrued interest. Although the Company feel warranted in the present condition of their affairs in advancing the price of their bonds, yet they have concluded to continue for the present the subscription at the ninety, in order to enable them to effect rapid sales and thus free themselves immediately from all floating indebtedness.
All marketable securities taken in exchange free of commission and Express charges.
HENRY CLEWS & CO.,
NO. 32 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.

FOR SALE.
CHOICE COUNTY BONDS,
PAYING FROM
10 TO 12 PER CENT.,
FREE OF ALL TAXES.
INTEREST COUPONS PROMPTLY PAID SEMI-ANNUALLY IN NEW-YORK.
FIRST-CLASS SECURITIES OF UNDOUBTED CHARACTER, BELOW PAR.
ALSO,
NEW-YORK CITY RAILROAD STOCKS AND BONDS,
INSURANCE, BANK AND
GAS-LIGHT STOCKS,
INCLUDING AN EXTENSIVE VARIETY OF FIRST MORTGAGE RAILROAD 7 AND 8 PER CENT. GOLD BONDS, FOR INVESTMENTS AT LOW RATES.
FOR SALE BY
ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
BANKER, STOCKBROKER AND AUCTIONEER,
No. 2 WALL-ST., CORNER OF BROAD-ST.
N. B.—FIRST-CLASS INVESTMENT SECURITIES, PAYING LARGE RATES OF INTEREST, A SPECIALTY WITH THIS HOUSE FOR MANY YEARS.

NINTH WARD BANK,
(ORGANIZED UNDER STATE CHARTER.)
CAPITAL $200,000, SUBJECT TO INCREASE TO $500,000.
THIS BANK
is now open for business at
NO. 2 ABINGDON-SQUARE.
This bank invites the accounts of the merchants and residents of the Ninth Ward and vicinity, and assures all depositors that they will be liberally dealt with, and every facility afforded consistent with sound banking. Collections made on all points in the United States and Canada.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
WILLIAM PAXON.
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JOHN B. KELLAM, Jefferson Market.
EDWARD GREENE, Lafin & Rand Powder Co., Park-row.
EDGAR F. BROWN, Brown & Estes, 223 Broadway.
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PHILLIP HERRMAN, 323 West 14th-st.
W. H. GRAY, 82 and 84 Washington-st.
ROBERT WINCH, 185 Charles-st.
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E. R. MANGAM, President National Trust Co.
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JOHN CROW, 611 Hudson-st.
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E. L. BURNHAM, E. L. & S. T. Burnham, 509 Hudson-st.
WM. H. CHRISTIE, W. H. Christie & Co., foot of Chambers-st.
WALTER J. PRICE, Bendleton, Price & Co., 209 West 16th-st.
H. G. W. WOERZ, Bendleton, Price & Co., 209 West 16th-st.
HENRY KLOPPENBURG, H. Kloppenburg & Bro., 35 9th-st.
WM. PAXON, President.
J. O. MOXON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF
UNITED STATES ASSISTANT TREASURER,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 6, 1871.
In conformity with instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, notice is hereby given to the holders of Three per Cent. temporary loan certificates, issued under the acts of March 2, 1867, and July 23, 1868, that all such certificates bearing date Oct. 15, 1867, of the denomination of $5,000, between the numbers six hundred and eleven (611) and eight hundred and sixty (860) inclusive, and of the denomination of $10,000, between the numbers five hundred and two (501) and seven hundred and fifty-eight (758) inclusive, will be paid on presentation at this office, and that from and after the 21st day of March, 1871, such certificates will cease to bear interest, and will be no longer available as a portion of the lawful money reserve of any National Banking Association.
THOMAS HILLHOUSE,
Assistant Treasurer, United States.

IOWA BONDS.
Past-due Bonds of Cities, Towns and Counties in the State of Iowa wanted by
CHASE & HIGGINSON,
No. 6 Broad-st.,
New-York.

CITIES OF LOUISVILLE SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS.
EVANSVILLE, HENDERSON AND NASHVILLE FIRST MORTGAGE SEVEN PER CENTS.
ALBANY AND SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD SEVEN PER CENT. STOCK, guaranteed by Delaware and Hudson Canal Company.
For sale by
WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH & CO.,
No. 40 Wall-st.

OLIVER AMES, President. JNO. DUFF, Vice-Pres't.
JNO. M. S. WILLIAMS, Treas'r. R. H. ROLLINS, Secy.
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY,
SEARS BUILDING, (POST-OFFICE BOX NO. 1,277.)
BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company in Boston, on THURSDAY, the 9th day of March, 1871, at 10 o'clock A. M., to elect officers for the ensuing year.
OLIVER AMES,
President Union Pacific Railroad Company.

THE QUICKSILVER MINING COMPANY.
OFFICE NO. 10 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK CITY.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKholders will be held at the Company's office, in the City of New-York, on WEDNESDAY, the 22d February, 1871, at 1 o'clock P. M. The annual election of Directors will be held at the same place on same day, between the hours of 2 and 3 P. M. The transfer books will be closed on the 10th inst., Friday, and reopen on Thursday, Feb. 23.
E. R. SAMPSON, Secretary.

CAUTION.—ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY cautioned against accepting or negotiating a draft for five thousand six hundred and ninety-three dollars and thirteen cents ($5,693 13), drawn by the National City Bank of Lynn, Mass., on the National Exchange Bank of Boston, and made payable at the National Butchers' and Drovers' Bank of this City, to my order, mailed to me on 27th January last from Lynn, by Messrs. Lamper & Hyde, (the same having been lost or stolen,) as payment has been stopped.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 4, 1871. HILTON KNAPP.

MONEY TO LOAN ON DESIRABLE IMproved and unimproved City and Brooklyn improvements; mortgages promptly sached; principals only dealt with.
WM. SINCLAIR, Jr., & CO., No. 9 Pine-st.

FINANCIAL.

Montclair Railway
NEW-JERSEY
7 PER CENT.
GOLD
1ST MORTGAGE
BONDS,
INDORSED BY THE
NEW-YORK AND OSWEGO
Midland Railroad Co.,
FOR SALE IN
DENOMINATIONS
OF
$1,000, $500 AND $100,
COUPON AND REGISTERED.
SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF THE RIGHT OF WAY PAID FOR.
ONE-HALF THE DISTANCE FROM JERSEY CITY TO GREENWOOD LAKE GRADED, READY FOR THE IRON.
THE IRON BOUGHT, AND 25 MILES OF ROAD TO BE RUNNING BY MIDSUMMER.
SEND FOR CIRCULAR AND MAP.
LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,
NO. 10 WALL-ST.,
AND
THE MONTCLAIR RAILWAY CO.,
NO. 25 NASSAU-ST.

VERMILYE & CO.
BANKERS,
16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.
DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.
BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION
RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD,
MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

8 Per Cent. Interest
FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS
OF THE ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY.
FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.
Principal and Interest Payable in Gold.
Running at the rate of $12,000 per mile.
ROAD COMPLETED AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
Price 97½ and accrued interest.
We unhesitatingly recommend them, and will furnish maps, circulars, &c., on application.
W. P. CONVERSE & CO.,
No. 54 Pine-st.
TANNER & CO.,
No. 11 Wall-st.

BANKING HOUSE OF
Geo. Opdyke & Co.
56 Wall-st.
CORNER OF CEDAR-ST.
FOUR PER CENT. interest allowed on current accounts, subject to check at sight.
FOREIGN INVESTMENTS for trust and other funds always on hand.
INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Government, Gold, Bonds and other securities.
COUPONS OR BONDS WANTED: CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

WELLS, FARGO AND CO.,
PARIS, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, PANAMA.
NO. 61 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.
BANKERS AND EXPRESS FORWARDERS to all parts of the WORLD.
Credits for travelers; exchange and telegraphic transfers available everywhere.
Freight and packages to any portion of EUROPE at low rates.
Peculiar facilities for shipment of GOODS IN BOND, overland or by steamer, to the Western States and Territories, MEXICO, SANDWICH ISLANDS, CHINA, JAPAN AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD COMPANY.
Sealed proposals addressed to William H. Swift, at Messrs. Ward, Campbell & Co.'s, No. 58 Wall-st., New-York, or to R. S. Watson, Treasurer, Boston, will be received until noon on FRIDAY, Feb. 10, 1871, for the sale of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS of the Land Bonds of said Company to the undersigned Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of the indenture of mortgage, dated April 1, 1868.
The bids will be opened at the office of the Company in Boston on SATURDAY, Feb. 11, and the accepted bids declared.
WILLIAM H. SWIFT,
SIDNEY BARTLETT,
NATHANIEL THAYER, } Trustees.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 28, 1871.

FINANCIAL NOTICE.
$50,000 BONDS WANTED FOR SINKING FUND OF THE DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD.
Agreeably to the provisions contained in the Trust Mortgage Deed of the DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, dated Oct. 1, 1866, made to the undersigned Trustees, to secure the payment of the Land Grant Mortgage Bonds, sealed proposals addressed to W. S. Gilman and N. A. Cowdrey, Trustees, No. 67 Exchange-place, New-York, will be received until noon of the 23d day of February, 1871, for the sale, to the undersigned, of thirty of the above-named bonds of $1,000 each, which bonds will then be redeemed with money derived from sales of said lands.
W. S. GILMAN,
N. A. COWDREY, } Trustees.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 50 WALL-ST.,
issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

TO LOAN, ON BOND AND MORTGAGE.—The following sums: $10,000, $7,500, $5,000. Apply to MULLER, WILKINS & CO., No. 7 Pine-st.

A MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW-YORK Stock Exchange wanted. Address, stating price, W. E., Post-office Box No. 5,249.

SAVINGS BANKS.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK.
The Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, (Chartered by the Government of the United States.)
NO. 148 BLEECKER-ST.
DEPOSITS OVER $2,000,000.
INTEREST paid or compounded, free of all taxes, THREE TIMES in each year, or every THIRTY days, as depositors prefer. A SPECIALTY made of allowing interest from date of each deposit on sums of $20 and upward. Married women have exclusive control over their money deposited in the National Savings Bank. All accounts strictly private and confidential. Deposits can be made by EXPRESS, or bank draft, or postal money order. All deposits payable ON DEMAND, with interest due.
Send or call for circular.
Open daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and MONDAYS and SATURDAYS from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
JOHN J. ZUILLE, Cashier.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 104 and 106 CANAL-ST., corner of Laight.
SIX PER CENT. interest on $25 to $5,000.
ASSETS, $8,234,245 05.

MARBLE MANTELS.

MARBLE AND MARBLEIZED MANTELS of the latest imported patterns. Monuments at reduced prices. A. S. KLAINE, Steam Marble Works, No. 134 East 13th-st., near M.-av., N. Y.

S. KLAINE & CO., NO. 223 WEST 14TH-ST., between Broadway and 6th-av.—Marble and Marbleized Mantels, Monuments, Head-stones, new original designs; cheapest in City.

MARBLEIZED SLATE MANTELS, British and classical designs, from $15 to $30. T. E. STEWART & CO., No. 60 6th-av., between 13th and 14th-sts.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

A LARGE HANDSOMELY-FURNISHED room, all modern improvements, on second floor, will be rented to a single gentleman; location, Madison, near cor. of Madison-av.; no other rooms rented; references exchanged. Address, with name, A. E., Box No. 136.

A LARGE HANDSOMELY-FURNISHED front room and bedroom, combining, to rent without board, to a single gentleman; location, Madison, near cor. of Madison-av.; no other rooms rented; references required. Address, with name, C. Cabinet, No. 62 Madison-av.

NO. 344 EAST 15TH-ST.—A LARGE room, newly furnished, to a gentleman and wife or single gentleman; location desirable. References required.

TO LET, FURNISHED—TWO OR three rooms, on parlor floor, to one or more gentlemen; also, room on third floor; recently purchased. No. 40 East 16th-st., between 5th-av. and 4th-av.

NO. 343 WEST 23D-ST.—A LARGE comfortable third story room, with excellent bath, gas, fire, and board for two persons at $10 per week.

LARGE SECOND-FLOOR ROOM, with board, for gentleman and wife. 103 West 32d-st., between 6th-av. and Broadway; references exchanged.

PLEASANT ROOMS, WITH BOARD, for gentleman and wife, or single gentlemen, $4 and $10 per week; at No. 151 West 16th-st., near Waverley-place.

NO. 28 WEST 12TH-ST.—HANDSOME furnished front room for gentleman and wife, or party of gentlemen, with first-class board; references required.

TO LET—IN A PRIVATE HOUSE, A NEATly furnished room on third floor, front, to a gentleman, without board. Apply at No. 73 Lexington-av.

NO. 224 EAST 13TH-ST., BETWEEN 3D AND 2D AVS.—Rooms to let, with or without board; furniture of the house entirely new.

BOARD WANTED.

BOARD WANTED—FOR GENTLEMAN and wife, in an agreeable and refined private family (Episcopalian); as the gentleman's business necessitates travelling, he desires to secure a comfortable home for his wife during absence; the most unexceptional references will be given. Address, for three days, BOARD, Box No. 166 Times Office.

DIVIDENDS.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY,
ST. JOSEPH, MO., Jan. 28, 1871.
THE INTEREST AND COUPONS due Feb. 15, 1871, on the first mortgage eight per cent. (8 per cent.) gold bonds of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company will be paid at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in the City of New-York, upon presentation and application, on and after that date, free of Government tax.
THOS. E. TOOTLE, Treasurer.

TWENTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.
OFFICE OF THE
GERMAN FREE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 141 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 23, 1871.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., payable, free of Government tax, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1871.
JOHN B. SMITH, Secretary.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER,
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1871.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND OF Two and a Half per Cent. upon the capital stock of this Company, free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on the 10th of February, and for thirty days thereafter, at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, New-York.
The transfer-books will be closed on the 20th inst., and reopened Feb. 11.
G. A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 158 BROADWAY, Jan. 13, 1871.
CASH CAPITAL.....$300,000
SURPLUS.....$172,000
FORTIETH DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Seven per Cent., free from tax, payable Feb. 1, 1871.
JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, NO. 111 LIBERTY-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 19, 1871.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after MONDAY, Feb. 6, 1871.
The transfer-books will remain closed until Feb. 7, 1871.
H. J. SOUTHMAYD, Treasurer.

THE ST. NICHOLAS NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, No. 7 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 28, 1871.
DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THIS Bank have declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., free of all taxes, payable on and after 15th prox. The transfer-books will be closed from 20 until the 15th prox., inclusive. A. PARKHURST, Cashier.
R. H. LOWRY, President. H. W. FORD, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1871.
A DIVIDEND OF FOUR (4) PER CENT. free of tax, has this day been declared, payable on WEDNESDAY, 8th February, prox., till which date the transfer-books are closed.
H. W. FORD, Cashier.

RYE PARK OIL COMPANY,
NO. 2 BROADWAY.
A DIVIDEND OF EIGHT CENTS per share on the capital stock of the Rye Park Oil Company has this day been declared, payable on and after the 24 day of February next.
ROBERT SUTER, Secretary.

THIRTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.—THE Peter Cooper Fire Insurance Company will pay a Dividend of Six per Cent. on the 1st and after 1st February next, at their office, corner 10-av. and 9th-st.
WM. H. HILBERT, Secretary.

RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK, CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.
Trains leave 30th-st. as follows:
8:00 A. M., Chicago express, drawing-room cars attached.
10:00 A. M., Special drawing-room car express for Chicago. No accommodation for way passengers except in drawing-room cars.
10:40 A. M., Northern and Western express, drawing-room cars attached.
4:40 P. M., Montreal express, drawing-room cars attached.
6:40 P. M., First Pacific express, with sleeping-cars through to Watertown, Syracuse and Canandaigua (daily.)
8:00 P. M., Second Pacific express, with sleeping-cars attached, for Albany and Buffalo, also for Chicago via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads; for St. Louis via Toledo, and Louisville via Indianapolis. This train will leave at 6 P. M. on Sundays.
11:00 P. M., Night express, sleeping-cars attached.
7:40 A. M. and 3 and 4 P. M., Poughkeepsie trains.
8:40 A. M., 12:20, 3:40, 4:40, 6 P. M., Fishkill trains.
4:40 and 6:10 P. M., Sing Sing trains.
6:40, 7:30, 9:10 and 10:15 A. M., 12 M., 1:20, 3, 4:40, 5:10, 6:10 and 11:30 P. M., Yonkers trains.
9:40 A. M., Sunday train for Poughkeepsie.
C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1870.

STEAMBOATS.

A FIRST-CLASS STEAM-BOAT AND MACHINERY FOR SALE.—The subscribers offer for sale the WALTER BRETT, with or without their business; has been running the past four years between Fishkill Landing and New-York. Earnings for 1870, about $60,000. This boat is in perfect order, and for freight and passenger business is excelled by none; economical in fuel; twenty-four state-rooms, newly furnished; eight years old; draft water about four and three-quarters feet; copper bottomed; engine thirty-eight inch cylinder; ten foot stroke. Also, the lease of her present wharf, foot Spring-st., having five years to run from 1st June next.
If not sold at private sale, she will be sold on TUESDAY, Feb. 14, be sold at auction, at 12 o'clock M., on board the boat, at her wharf, at Spring-st., where she may be seen previous to that time.
Reason for selling, senior partner wishes to retire from business. For further particulars, inquire at the office of the subscribers, Fishkill Landing, N. Y.
WALTER BRETT & CO.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS on Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroads: fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon every day, (Sunday excepted.)

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, &c.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 5 P. M.; Trains North and West at 11 P. M.

SURROGATE NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against WILLIAM H. COOPER, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at his office, No. 7 Beekman-street, in said City, in the City of New-York, on or before the 16th day of May next, 1871.—Dated New-York, the 27th day of September, 1870.
JOHN COOPER,
JOHN A. COOPER, } Executors.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF Robert C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against FELIX DE GOLDER, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of A. V. W. Van Vechten, No. 42 Pine-street, in said City, on or before the 9th day of April next.—Dated, New-York, the 22d day of September, 1870.
FELIX E. O'BOURKE,
GEORGE FORD, } Executors.

MEDICAL.

A PHYSIOLOGICAL VIEW OF MARRIAGE—Containing nearly 300 pages and 125 plates and engravings of the anatomy of the sexual organs, in a state of health and disease, with a treatise on self-abuse, its deplorable consequences upon the mind and body, with the author's plan of treatment—the only rational and successful mode of cure, as shown by the report of cases treated. A truthful adviser of the married and those contemplating marriage, who entertain doubts of their physical condition, their fitness for marriage, by any address on receipt of $1 in specie or postage stamps. Address Dr. LA CROIX, No. 31 Maiden-lane, Albany, N. Y.

AMUSEMENTS.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE,
Sole Lessee and Manager.....Mr. AUGUSTIN DALY.
LAST NIGHTS OF SARATOGA.
All novelties postponed till the Nearest Eighth Week of SARATOGA.
Characters by Misses Fanny Davenport, Fanny Morant, Clara Morris, Linda Dietz, Mrs. Gilbert; Messrs. Lewis, Keeling, Davidge, Parkes, Whiting, Devere and others.
Eleventh SARATOGA MATINEE SATURDAY at 2½.

SOUTHERN-ST. THEATRE.
W. M. HOLLAND.....Lessee and Manager.
Sole Proprietor of
MR. EDWIN FORREST
MONDAY, Feb. 6,
And every evening except Saturday,
SATURDAY MATINEE AND EVENING,
THE MAN IN BLACK.
THE ROYAL FAMILY.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.
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MATINEES WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY AT 2½ P. M.
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GEORGE MILLER,
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TERRIFIC SATIRICAL LEAPS.
BAREBACK RIDING BY
MLLE. CAROLINE ROLLAND.
THE GREAT MELVILLE AND INFANT SON,
and
WILLIAM SUTTON.
ACROBATIC AND GY

ALBANY.

Court-House Jobs Progressing—Destroying the City Parks—Regulating Qualifications for Drug Clerks.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Feb. 6.—Two New-York Court-house jobs were ordered to third reading in the Assembly this evening, one to build a new Court-house in the Third Judicial District, and the other appropriating $250,000 to complete the Court-house in the Ninth District. In addition to these, CREAMER introduced in the Senate a bill to erect a new Court-house in the Fifth Judicial District.

GRAMERCY PARK.

GERRY's bill to extend Lexington-avenue was up in Committee of the Whole, and Senator BRADLEY opposed it, and presented remonstrances against cutting the avenue through Gramercy Park. TWEED and GERRY advocated the bill, and it was ordered to a third reading.

DRUG CLERKS.

The bill regulating qualifications of drug clerks was considered in the Assembly Committee of the Whole, and NEWMAN offered an amendment that no person should hereafter engage in the drug business unless he had been educated thereto and obtained certificate of his qualifications from the College of Pharmacy.

REGULAR REPORT.

SENATE.—ALBANY, Monday, Feb. 6.

The Senate met at ½ P. M. The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. CREAMER—To provide for a Court-house in the Fifth District, in the City of New-York, which shall be located by a Commission consisting of one citizen appointed by the Mayor, to act with the Justice of the District. They shall purchase the real estate required and employ the necessary assistance, the whole expense is not to exceed $250,000 to be paid by the Board of Supervisors; also, relative to the office of Clerk of the City and County of New-York. It gives him power to have unfinished records copied, the copies to be valid; he may appoint necessary assistants at reasonable compensation, which shall receive the same pay as persons now performing such service. Section 3, chapter 426, of the Laws of 1847, is repealed, and so much of section 1 and section 16 of the same chapter as relates to the Clerk is also repealed.

By Mr. KENNEDY—To erect a bridge over the Erie Canal at Syracuse.

PROTECTION OF THE INSANE.

Mr. CREAMER gave notice of a bill for the appointment of a Medical Commission for the better protection of the insane of the City and County of New-York.

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following bills were disposed of in Committee of the Whole as follows:

Amending the charter of the Lomers' Bank of the City of New-York. Ordered to third reading.

Amending the charter of the Hudson and Harlem River Canal Company. Third reading.

The bill to extend Lexington-avenue, New-York. Ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly met at ½ P. M.

THE LOCKPORT DEBT BILL.

The Senate bill to provide means for the payment of the indebtedness of Lockport was substituted for the Assembly bill, and was sent to the First Committee of the Whole, on motion of Mr. FOUND.

CERTIFICATES OF SOLDIERS OF 1812.

The Adjutant-General, in response to a resolution of the House, asked how much more money is required to pay certificates for services of the war of 1812, reported that the number of certificates issued was 17,226, that the aggregate awards amounted to $675,626, that the interest was $652,221, in all $1,535,049—from which must be deducted $129,000 appropriated in 1860 and $626, with interest from date.

THE NEW-YORK LIVE STOCK COMPANY.

The bill incorporating the New-York Live Stock Company was reported.

CANAL ENLARGEMENT.

On motion of Mr. HOWN the Canal Board was called upon for their opinion as to the necessity for enlarging the lock on the western division of the Erie Canal, so as to admit the passage of boats 200 feet long and 25 feet wide.

On motion of Mr. FIELDS it was added that the Board report the estimated cost of the same.

SAN DOMINGO.

Mr. NELSON offered a resolution denouncing the proposition to annex San Domingo as a fraud. Laid over.

GENERAL ORDERS.

The following bills were disposed of in Committee of the Whole, as noted:

Providing for completing the Court-house in the Third Judicial District in the City of New-York. Third reading.

Authorizing the City of Lockport to raise money by tax to pay the indebtedness of the City. Third reading.

Authorizing the holders of certain railroad mortgage bonds to make them payable to bearer or order only. Third reading.

To provide for the completion of the Court-house in the Ninth Judicial District of the City of New-York. Third reading.

Amending the revised statutes relative to the custody of minor children. Third reading.

Providing for the appointment of Overseer of the Poor of the City of Utica. Third reading.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. WINANS—Amending the charter of DUNKIRK.

By Mr. HILL—Incorporating the Elmira Park Association.

By Mr. RAY—Changing the name of the First Universalist Church in Hudson.

By Mr. KNAPP—Providing for building a bridge over Tonawanda Creek.

By Mr. KELSAM—Defining the powers and duties of Treasurers and Supervisors, and other officers, in aiding the division of railroads.

By Mr. HAYES—To equalize taxation by having the amount of mortgages deducted from the assessments on real estate.

By Mr. COOK—Chartering the Security Deposit Company of New-York.

By Mr. FOUND—Amending the charter of the City of Lockport.

By Mr. FLAGG—Amending the Police act of Troy; also, making provisions regarding the duties of the Treasurer of Rensselaer County.

By Mr. MADIGAN—To prevent the use of steam on railroads in the City of New-York below Thirtieth-street.

By Mr. ALVORD—Requiring fire insurance companies, where the policy limits the time for commencing a suit, to be ready for a suit within the limited time.

In lieu of the total destruction of a building, the company shall not have any deduction made on the ground that the property was insured beyond its actual value. All companies doing small business, to deposit in the Insurance Department $50,000, and on the 1st of February following, the further sum of $150,000 in public stocks of the United States, or of the State, or of bonds of cities of this State, or of bonds of the United States, or mortgages, which shall be held for the security of policy-holders; but the companies may collect the interest on the same. When the companies desire to retiquish their bonds, they may withdraw their securities, after giving due notice, and making a proper exhibition.

Mr. FLAGG—To amend the General Railway act by requiring firm sales to lay rails not less than forty pounds to the linear yard where the gauge is three feet six inches or less.

Adjourned.

THE DANGERS OF NAVIGATION.

Action for $500,000 in a Collision Case—Commodore Vanderbilt and Senator Sprague Interested—Decision by Judge Woodruff.

A decision was rendered by Judge WOODRUFF, at the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, in the counter suit of WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS and others against the steam-ship *North Star*, and CORNELIUS VANDERBILT against W. H. REYNOLDS and others, which was brought before him on an appeal from a decision given by Judge SHIPMAN in the District Court. The case grew out of a collision, between the steamship *North Star*, owned by Commodore VANDERBILT, and the steamship *Ella Warley*. It is said that Senator SPRAGUE was one of the owners of the latter vessel, and that she was on her way to Texas to receive a cargo of contraband cotton at the time of the disaster. The amount involved in the case is about $500,000. The following is an abstract of Judge WOODRUFF's opinion:

W. H. Reynolds et al. vs. The Steam-ship North Star, and Cornelius Vanderbilt vs. W. H. Reynolds et al.—The libelants in the first-named cause are the owners of the steam-ship *Ella Warley*, and the libelant in the second cause is the owner of the steam-ship *North Star*. Each seeks to recover damages caused by a collision between these two steam-ships at about 6½ o'clock in the evening of Feb. 9, 1869. This collision occurred at sea, off the coast of New-Jersey, opposite or a little below Long Branch, at a distance from the shore in respect to which witnesses and parties differ. No testimony in the case tends to show that it was less than five miles, and none warrants the belief that it was more than seven and one-eighth miles. In a smooth sea, a night not very dark and the wind light, with full opportunity to each to see and watch the lights of the other, and when, in fact, according to the testimony of those who were upon the respective vessels, each was seen at such distance from the other as would furnish ample opportunity for any manœuvre called for by the exigency, the two collided, and the *Ella Warley* was sunk with her cargo, and some lives were lost. That a collision occurring under such circumstances was the result of mismanagement and due either to carelessness or incompetency is indisputable. The *Ella Warley* was on a voyage from New-York to New-Orleans, and the *North Star* on her voyage from Key West to New-York. The testimony of the witnesses called and examined by the respective parties tends to irreconcilable conflict, and any endeavor to harmonize the testimony on either side with that on the other and with the concede or uncontroverted facts would be utterly fruitless; it cannot be done. The counsel for the owners of the *Ella Warley*, arguing from the testimony on their behalf, present a very strong case, while the counsel for the owners of the *North Star*, drawing from the testimony of those on board that vessel, with great force cast the blame upon the former. After examining the circumstances of the case at much length, Judge WOODRUFF, in conclusion, said: "If I were at liberty to apportion the fault according to my estimate of the degrees of culpability, I might conclude that the largest blame rested on the *Ella Warley*. Indeed, I think that quite clear; but the Court cannot enter into such an estimate of proportions. The general rule of contribution must be applied. My conclusions hereupon are: The vessels were approaching each other on a line or lines so nearly coincident that the rule requiring each to port the helm, and pass to the right, if any change was made, operated upon them. Before the *Ella Warley* had made the proper observation upon the lights of the *North Star*, and yet acting upon the idea that there was danger of collision if she held her course, she starboarded in violation of the rules. The *North Star* ported at the proper time, and was justified in doing so. The *Ella Warley* was in fault in not seeing the lights on the *North Star*, red and white, which were visible, and observation of which would have enabled her to correct her first error. The *Ella Warley* was grossly in fault in not showing, stopping and backing when the collision was immediate, and so averting or diminishing the injury. The *North Star* did what was proper in this respect, and all that it was her duty to do. The *North Star* was in gross fault, in not having her lights properly screened. This kept her green light in view when it ought not to have been visible—it contributed to mislead the *Ella Warley*, tended to confirm her in her error and prevent the discovery by her that she was wrong. If the *Ella Warley* had not starboarded in violation of the rule, the collision would not have occurred. If the lights of the *North Star* had been properly screened, the error of the *Ella Warley* would have been discovered, and the accident would not have happened. Under the influence of mutual fault loss has been suffered, which, under the law governing Courts of Admiralty, must be shared by both parties. Let a decree to this effect be entered.

LECTURES LAST NIGHT.

EVIDENCES OF CHRISTIANITY.

Natural Theology and Apologetics—First of the Second Series of Lectures by Dr. McCosh.

Rev. JAMES MCCOSH, D. D., LL. D., President of Princeton College, delivered the first of his second series of lectures on "Natural Theology and Apologetics," last evening, at Association Hall. The reverend lecturer said on previous occasions he had constantly to employ or revert to philosophic principles, and make full exposition of the argument; it would be also necessary to consider the physical effects, that the defense might be complete throughout. This implied that he was to take a look at the soul of man, and consider the workings, the aspirations and conceptions of the human mind. There was a gradation from the inanimate up through the plant and animal, until finally the mind was reached, which was able to testify to the indelible distinction between good and evil and arrive at a consciousness of the existence of God. In applying the powers of the mind simply to its relations to God and religion he proposed to keep a sharp look on the current of opinion throughout the world, especially in reference to young men. His coming lectures would deal with the positivism and materialism, and the effect these spirit was likely to inspire in the young and incautious. Those to whom he was opposed constituted a school with a diversity of teaching, were of narrow sympathies and exclusive temper, who were not catholic or cosmopolitan, but intensely sectarian in spirit, with real ability to cultivate a knowledge of numerous branches. They comprised men of eminence in all departments of science. They sought to prove that man came from a brute, without making him a superior brute. They did not deny the existence of the soul, but identified it with the body. They tried to show that religion had no reason to enkindle a hope, and the whole doctrines were of a character which drew from a student the question, on listening to an eminent professor: "Have I, or have I not, a soul?" Materialism had been the philosophy of France under the reigns of Louis, it was considerable power among a large class in Germany, but he had hopes that the spirit of patriotism, inborn of the soul, produced by the present war, would reveal its fallacy under a new light. Contending against these materialistic theories, he asserted first that we had the means of knowing the existence of mind as much as we had of knowing the existence of matter; that he knew it directly and immediately. The experimental workings of the mind revealed that we had an intuitive and immediate knowledge of objects when we looked at them. With the perception of any object thought discovers the consciousness of self, and we are as certain there is something perceiving, as there is something to be perceived. Again he asserted we had as positive though limited a knowledge of mind as we had a positive though limited knowledge of body. We had as perfect an idea that mind possessed consciousness and intelligence as we had of the qualities composing matter. The fact was that being immediately conscious of mind and its various actings from hour to hour and minute to minute, we knew more about mind than matter, though we had not a perfect knowledge of either. Thirdly, he argued that as matter could not be resolved into mind on the one hand, mind could not be resolved into matter on the other. To the argument that mind was a modification of matter he replied that the two were made up of different organs. They knew matter by sense and the other by self-consciousness. They possessed essentially different properties, and if any one maintained that notwithstanding they were the same, the burden of proof devolved on him. He knew of a materialist who advanced a giant that could bear gravity, and despite the objections no modification of matter could give intelligence, perception, and the power to distinguish good from evil, which are the noblest characteristics of humanity. As to the existence of mind, (having got rid of counterfeits,) we did it by feel to us. He held that man was so constituted that he could attain knowledge, and that his intelligence commenced with his observation. Substance should exist, possess potency and permanence, and on their denial depended the subtlest form of infidelity. He refuted the doctrine of the relativeness of knowledge, that the mind did not perceive things, but the relations of things, yet admitting the fact that in certain instances knowledge was relative. If men were so material, there was no ground to proceed in inferring that there was a spiritual God. Thus infidelity no longer took the form of rationalism, but made human reason proclaim it disposed to worship beyond sufficient evidence. The second American newspaper was the Boston *Gazette*, published in 1719, and printed by a brother of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, who soon left it and started the *New-England Courant*. With the establishment of this paper commenced the newspaper war of America, which have been continued ever since. He did not make the *Courant* so much of a newspaper as an essayist, and it was filled with discussions of the religious opinions of that day. These essays were furnished by a society of nine literary gentlemen. YOUNG BENJAMIN FRANKLIN here commenced his literary career and contributed many essays. WM. BRADFORD commenced the *New-York Gazette* in October, 1725, printing it on a half sheet of foolscap, and in the New-York City Library there was a large volume of these papers in a good state of preservation. The first "campaign" paper was issued in 1733, to oppose the colonial administration of Gov. CROSBY, and called the *New-York Weekly Journal*. The first great libel suit tried in this City was instituted by the Government against the proprietor of the *Journal*, who, after a very exciting trial, was acquitted amid the cheers of the audience, and the Corporation voted the freedom of the City and a magnificent gold box to his Philadelphia counsel, ANDREW HAMILTON, for the remarkable service done to the inhabitants of this City and colony by his defense of the rights of mankind and the liberty of the Press." Thus ever has power been arrayed against the liberty of the Press, and thus ever has the people been ready to sustain it. From the establishment, however, of the independence of the country until the present day there has been no attempt to fetter the Press by censors or by law, as the old English law of libel which prevailed until the beginning of the present century has been so modified through the instrumentality of ALEXANDER HAMILTON, as to allow the truth in all cases to be given in evidence. The lecturer, in referring to the habit of indignant subscribers withdrawing their subscriptions, said, "when editors are derelict in their duty to the public, when they belie their professions and degrade their calling, when they prove recreant to their principles, or violate the precepts of the Press, and the courtesies and charities of social life, when from chance of conductors, or from base bribes, they turn their backs upon old friends and old principles, or when from general licentiousness, personal scurrility and mockery of things sacred, and a disregard of those principles of morality and virtue which form as once the jewel of private life and the true glory of the State, a newspaper becomes unworthy of support and unfit to be received into families."

OTHER LECTURES.

The Europe of To-Morrow—Lecture by Mr. Frederic J. De Peyster.

The fourth of a series of lectures before the Harlem Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association was given, last evening, by Mr. FREDERIC J. DE PEYSTER, the subject being "The Europe of To-morrow." The lecturer was introduced by Mr. R. L. PURDY. He said that Europe is a land molded in a great measure by America. That England has seen that the principles of self-government have been successful in this country, and that she has been forced to make concessions to her own people. Imperial France, of the last twenty years, was living on the credit secured in the past. The Emperor was an usurper, who held his power by bribery. They knew what bribery was capable of accomplishing. He need not refer to what bribery has done for France. It debauched France, and as for New-York—well, he would not further allude to it. [Laughter.] France can always be led by holding forth military glory, and England is timid because she is. [Laughter.] There is not a quarter of the globe that cannot bear witness to French atrocities caused by a thirst for military glory. It seemed to him that Germany was their best friend. When they wanted money the bankers of Frankfort and other German cities came forward with their money and materially aided them in accomplishing the victory. Europe now sees that the most flourishing countries in the world are Switzerland and America. He believed that the great victory of Prussia would bring security and peace in its train to the whole of Europe, as Germany is now safe, France crippled, and Austria converted from her old follies. The lecturer spoke of the supposed friendship existing between Russia and the United States, and stated that friendship between a republic and despotism was not safe. There was no link or bond of sympathy between them. The American should remember the gallant Poles who fought with WASHINGTON, and not insult them by giving Russia their sympathies. Russia is the only power that Germany has to dread. Any Power that holds Constantinople has Eastern Europe. Let Russia turn out the sick man and she had a hold of Southern Germany; but BISMARCK would never let the Czar hold the Bosporus—Prussia would unite with the whole German race, numbering 40,000,000, from the shores of the Baltic to the shores of the Adriatic, and then having nothing to fear there would be no more Prussian soldiers. The people would turn to peace, and day by day, they would become more liberal, and, in time, Prussia would bloom out into a Republic. As to the sick man, Constantinople always belonged to the Greeks, and Europe should give it back to its first original owners. Italy today for the time in fourteen centuries was united, with Rome, glorious old Rome, for its capital, and meddling France and the meddling usurper had paid the score. Spain had never yet had a rule of law and order until within the last eighteen months. England, crafty and keen, loved us when we were up and hated us when we were down. She had not a friend in Europe today. France, our worst enemy, was crushed, and England, our fair weather friend, was converted from the error of her ways. The justice and right of each tribe to rule its own destiny was admitted by all, and every heart must wish for the bright dawning of the day for the Europe of to-morrow.

The Workman and His Work—Lecture by Rev. J. W. Bain.

Rev. J. W. BAIN, of Newcastle, Penn., last evening delivered the third and concluding lecture of the course, in the Seventh-avenue United Presbyterian Church. His theme was "The Workman and his Work." The speaker ably illustrated the dignity, value, and necessity of labor; the glory of the perfect workman, and the happy results of energy and perseverance. The political corruption of the period was thoroughly discussed, and the necessity of co-operative action among honest and intelligent Christians in the work of reform was argued with animation and effect.

The Death of School Officer Oliver.

At a meeting of the public school teachers of the Fifteenth Ward, held at [illegible] the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

[illegible] Ward, mourn with unfeigned sorrow the loss of one who has endeared himself to each and every one of our number by his great kindness of heart.

Resolved, That we have witnessed from day to day his deep interest in the education of the youth of our City, and the fidelity and wisdom with which he has discharged all his official duties.

Resolved, That we shall miss his frequent visits to the different departments of our schools, his fatherly care, his cheering words and kind encouragements.

Resolved, That in his devotion for more than a quarter of a century of his time and best energies to the supervision of the schools of the Fifteenth Ward, continued by the approbation of their growth and present high standing, he has set an example to the intelligent and wealthy citizens of this great City, which should be oftener followed.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the surviving relatives of the deceased in their great bereavement, yet we rejoice with them in that he was a indeed a good man, without an enemy, loved by all who knew him.

Resolved, That a commemorative notice of the action of this meeting be entered on the minute-book of each school, and that a copy of these resolutions be engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased.

(Signed.) JOHN M. FORBES, Chairman.
Miss S. E. WOODWARD, Secretary.

The Tweed Reception.

The first annual reception of the Fifteenth Ward William M. Tweed Association, was enjoyed at the Metropolitan Hotel, last evening. At 11 o'clock the large dining-room of the hotel, which was converted into a ball-room for the occasion, was comfortably filled with ladies and gentlemen. From that time until the termination of the festivities there was no perceptible change in the general gayety, which continued unabated throughout. The ball was specially furnished by the absence of any large number of "celebrities," although it was expected from previous announcements that everybody in the City "worth knowing" would be present. Up to midnight Mr. TWEED, in whose honor the Association is named, had not made his appearance at the reception. One of the features of the evening was the unveiling of a bust of Mr. TWEED, which was accompanied by an address from Hon. ALGERNON S. SULLIVAN, Assistant District-Attorney. The decorations of the entrance to the hall-room included a life-size portrait of Mr. TWEED, surrounded by the American and Irish flags. Among those who attended the ball were the following-named gentlemen: Justice Dowling, Justice Shandley, Judge Monell, Judge Jones, Capt. Henry Hedden, Hon. Edward L. Parris, Mr. Warren Leland, Justice Fowler, Judge Joachimsen, Josiah Carpenter, Mr. J. W. Brennan, and others.

Convictions Before Recorder Hackett Yesterday.

The February Term of the Court of General Sessions was opened yesterday, before Recorder HACKETT. JOHN DILL was convicted of stealing a quantity of articles from the room of ADOLPH SAMUELSON, at No. 128 East Broadway. He was arrested in company with JOHN DOUGHERTY by Policeman O'CONNOR, who found the stolen goods in their possession. DILL was sent to State Prison for five years. DOUGHERTY pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence until Friday. EUGENE DOUSCH pleaded guilty to an attempt at burglary in the third degree, and was sent to State Prison for two years and six months. JENNIE DE FORREST, guilty of stealing $105 from JAMES OWENS, was discharged on suspended sentence at the complainant's request. The Court then adjourned until this morning.

The Artists' Fund Sale of Pictures.

Last evening, the eleventh annual sale of pictures contributed by members of the Artists' Fund Society in aid of the fund, took place at the Somerville Gallery. The attendance was large, but the bidding was not particularly spirited. Eighty-six pictures were sold, and the amount realized will probably exceed $8,000. We give the prices of some of the principal paintings disposed of, exclusive of the value of the frames: "Hiding," by J. G. Brown, $325; "Marine," by M. F. H. De Haas, $200; "The Peddler," by Morgan, $80; "West Compton," by Pope, $150; "Hunting Stubble," by Boughton, $190; "Who are You?" by Beard, $75; "La Vestal," by Eaton, $140; "The Gamekeeper's Lookout," by Wyant, $125; "Old Farm Road," by Whittredge, $245; "Harvest Time," by Casilear, $200; "Young Huntsman," by E. Johnston, $205; "The Sketcher," by Durand, $205; "Spring Road," by Tait, $155, and a water-color by Darley, $65. Kensett's "Fort Dumpling" brought $450, and Sonntag's "Near Lancaster," $190.

Total Population of the City 944,104—Increase Over First Enumeration 17,763.

The solitary district which remained to be enumerated in the Twelfth Ward at the time of the appearance of the report regarding the completion of the City census, published exclusively in the TIMES a few days ago, was finished yesterday. The following table shows the number of inhabitants in this City on the 1st of June last, as given by the re-enumeration, together with the number as taken last Summer:

Wards.	Old.	New.	Wards.	Old.	New.
1	15,135	14,826	12	22,950	22,285
2	1,005	1,112	14	28,264	28,473
3	5,043	5,717	15	25,889	27,652
4	22,540	22,501	16	45,451	45,482
5	16,421	17,164	17	26,720	26,463
6	21,276	21,326	18	60,041	60,522
7	44,621	44,929	19	69,401	70,467
8	73,883	74,976	20	73,013	73,512
9	46,792	47,627	21	66,028	66,754
10	61,237	61,426	22	69,888	71,494
11	66,224	65,154			
12	48,020	47,820	Total	926,141	944,104

The above figures show a total increase of 17,763 names over the first enumeration.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

FRANZ KUBRISKY recently obtained a writ of mandamus from the Supreme Court against Col. ALLEN, of the Fifty-fifth Regiment National Guard, directing the discharge of the prisoner from the regiment. KUBRISKY claimed that he joined the regiment under the false representation made to him that if he became a member he would share in $18,000, which the regiment was to receive from the City authorities. Finding out his mistake in this respect, he asked for his discharge on the ground of misrepresentations at the time of his enlistment, and also on the ground that he was a Bohemian citizen. Col. ALLEN made return that the petitioner had been discharged from the regiment, but the Captain of the Company was indicted to resist the discharge, and for this purpose appeared in Supreme Court Chambers yesterday. Judge BARNARD made the mandamus imperative.

The Executive Committee of the German Patriotic Aid Societies, yesterday, published an appeal to the branch societies in this City and in the interior, calling upon them to renew and redouble their efforts in raising funds in aid of those suffering from the effects of the war. Thus far, $202,869 91 have been collected by the General Committee, but it is estimated that the whole amount contributed by the Germans in this country will reach about a quarter of a million. Contributions will be received as heretofore by Mr. EMIL SAUER, No. 120 Broadway. Mr. FREDERICK KAPP, in Berlin, continues to act as the agent of the German societies of this country.

The French Comité de Secours, formed at the outbreak of the Franco-German war, after rendering a final account of its operations, has ceased its functions, and a new committee has been constituted, composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. F. Delaunay, L. Lorut, E. Cotenett, E. Caylus, E. Leblanche, H. L. Hoguet, F. Astom, F. Thoron, F. A. Brugière, A. P. Moutaut, A. Noël, C. A. Duvivier, E. Cazaudi, F. Hilhan, G. Reynaud, E. La Montagne, E. Fouzers, A. P. Pillot. The former committee has collected $73,265 20, of which $67,025 34 has been transmitted to France. Thereunder, $6,239 86, is at the disposal of the new committee.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. Saturday, the messenger of the Chatham National Bank had stolen from his pocket a wallet containing notes and drafts to the amount of over $25,000. The money did not belong to the bank, but to the owners of the Pacific Mail. The theft was committed. He stepped into the Post-office to make an inquiry, and while in the lobby some person passing through the throng rushed by and jostled him, and shortly afterward he was jostled by two or three persons together while passing along Dey-street. In a little while afterward he discovered that his wallet containing the notes and drafts was missing. Payment was immediately stopped.

A grand Temperance meeting, under the auspices of the National Temperance Society and Publication House, was held last night in Dr. ORMISTON's Church, at the corner of Fifth-avenue and Twenty-ninth-street, Hon. WILLIAM E. DODGE presiding. The meeting was opened by the reading of portions of the Scriptures advocating an avoidance of the wine cup by Dr. ORMISTON, and also a prayer. Addresses were then delivered by the Chairman, Rev. Dr. HALL, Dr. FOSS and Dr. ORMISTON, on the terrible consequences of intemperance.

Judge WOODRUFF affirmed the decree of the United States District Court, yesterday, in the case of the New-York Submarine Company vs. the schooner *J. P. Farlan*. He decided that an incorporated wrecking company which saves a vessel is only entitled to recover for actual services and has no salvage claim on the vessel saved. Mr. JOHN E. PARSONS appeared for the libelants and appellants in the case, and Mr. E. H. OWEN for the respondants and claimants.

Last evening a fire broke out on the first floor of No. 37 Lispenard-street, occupied by B. BARINSKI, dealer in cloth, whose stock was damaged by fire and water to the amount of $3,000. The fancy goods stock of GRUHN & BRO., in the basement, was injured by water to the amount of $600. The building was damaged to the same amount, and is insured for $8,000. The origin of the disaster has not been ascertained.

A motion to dismiss the complaint in the case of ALBERT, EDWARD and JOSEPH SCHEIDER, charged before Commissioner SHIELDS with frauds in the sale of tobacco, was argued yesterday, Mr. JOHN SCHWERIN, counsel for the accused, claimed that the evidence for the Government was entirely unworthy of credit and not of sufficient weight to require rebuttal. After a brief reply by opposing counsel, the Commissioner reserved his decision.

The examination in the case of Messrs. WILSON & GILLIGAN, dealers in imported goods at No. 123 Church-street, who are charged with being implicated in extensive smuggling operations, was adjourned by Commissioner SHIELDS, yesterday, until today. Col. FRANK E. HOWE, Special Treasury Agent, and his assistants, are confident of being able to convict the accused of the charges brought against them.

SAMUEL GUINNESS and CHARLES HOLSTEIN, both sailors boarding at No. 50 Oak-street, became involved in a quarrel yesterday, when GUINNESS stabbed HOLSTEIN in the abdomen with a pocket-knife, causing a dangerous wound. HOLSTEIN was removed to the Park Hospital, and GUINNESS was locked up by Justice HOGAN. Dr. MARSH, of the Coroner's Office, examined the patient, and decided that there was no necessity to detain any of the witnesses.

The President of the Union Home and School for the Soldiers' Orphans has formally acknowledged the receipt of $600 in United States bonds, together with sundry other valuable gifts, from the Executive Committee of the Hebrew Charity Fair lately held in this City. The correspondence between donors and recipients was of the happiest nature, indicating the cordiality of loyal fraternity that actuates them.

JOHN P. GARRISH, M. D., will deliver a lecture upon "The Art of Prolonging Life," at the Church of the Strangers, Mercer-street, between Clinton and Waverley places, next Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. At the close of the lecture the Doctor will exhibit some interesting views under the microscope. The proceeds of the lecture will be applied to the furnishing the Church of the Strangers with hymn-books.

Mlle. OTHYLIE BOUSSON, who, since the outbreak of the war, has never ceased in her charitable efforts to collect materials of comfort for the sufferers in France, in a letter addressed to the French Relief Committee, tendered an account of her operations, from which it appears that she has succeeded in collecting and forwarding to France goods amounting in value to no less than $14,000.

The Sachems of Tammany met last evening at their hall. WILSON SMALL, Esq., in the chair, and after issuing a call for the annual election to be held on the third Monday in April, directed the Board of Sachems to prepare suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of Mr. JAMES WATSON, who was a scribe, and Gen. E. V. R. WRIGHT, who was a member. The Society then adjourned.

Rev. J. HYATT SMITH, the well-known pastor of the Lee-avenue Baptist Church, in Brooklyn, and author of the *Open Door*, will deliver a new lecture to-morrow (Wednesday) evening, at Association Hall, corner Twenty-third-street and Fourth-avenue. A large number of tickets have been sold, and the house will doubtless be crowded.

ELIZABETH HURLEY, aged sixty-five, a native of Ireland, was found dead, yesterday, in her bed, at No. 62 Mulberry-street. The deceased was a professional beggar, and lived in a most miserly manner. She had $8,000 in bank, and $70 upon her person, with two bank-books. Coroner YOUNG was notified to hold an inquest.

The following gentlemen were elected directors at the annual meeting of the stockholders of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express Company, held yesterday at the office, No. 84 Broadway: Leland Stanford, Wm. G. Fargo, J. C. Fargo, D. O. Mills, Lloyd Tevis, M. S. Latham, C. P. Huntington, A. E. Barney, B. F. Cheney.

CATHARINE MCINTYRE, aged thirty-seven years, living at No. 660 Ninth-avenue, while in her room last evening had her clothes ignited from coming in contact with the stove, and before the flames were extinguished she was so badly burned that she cannot recover. She was removed to Bellevue Hospital in an ambulance.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, of No. 74 Madison-street, while walking in Lispenard-street, last evening, was attacked by a number of unknown ruffians, some of whom were armed with metal knuckles, and was severely beaten. The assailants all escaped, and none of them can be identified.

A wild steer running at large in the streets created great consternation in the upper part of the City last evening, but was finally killed in Seventieth-street, near Fifth-avenue, before it had done any injury, by Lieut. SCHOFIELD, of the Central Park Police, and the officers of the Nineteenth Precinct.

JEREMIAH MCCARTHY, a foreman in the Central Park, while engaged in an altercation, last evening, with DANIEL HOGNON, fell down an embankment at Seventy-eighth-street and Eighth-avenue, and striking his head against the railroad track, received a severe scalp wound. He was taken home by his friends.

WM. WILHELM, a carpenter living at No. 164 Elm-street, while at work, yesterday, at the French Theatre, fell through a trap in the floor down upon the stage and received a fracture of the skull. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

F. L. ROBERTSON & CO., agents for the Diamond Gift Concerts, insist that the statements that the French Consul-General did not "give his full consent for the use of his name" in connection with their enterprise, is untrue.

Collector MURPHY is expected to return from Washington today, and Deputy Collector THORNILLEGUE will also be at his post during the day. The impression prevailed that both traveled in the same direction, but this is incorrect.

Yesterday Commissioner OSBORN adjourned the case of OWEN KEENAN, charged with neglecting to cancel revenue stamps on whisky barrels, until the 16th inst., on motion of Mr. MALCOLM CAMPBELL, the counsel for the accused.

PATRICK CONNORS, residing at No. 158 West Fifty-first-street, was yesterday committed to answer, in the Yorkville Police Court, for disabling a dog belonging to JACOB ZOMMERMEN, of No. 161 West Fifty-first-street.

Judge JOACHIMSEN, in the Marine Court, yesterday dismissed the suit of JOHNSON against THURLOW WEED et al. for articles claimed to have been published in the *Commercial Advertiser*.

The reunion of the graduates of the late Senior Department of the Twelfth-street School will take place at the school building today, at 1½ o'clock.

BROOKLYN.

An inquest was held, yesterday afternoon, by Coroner JOHNS, on the body of the child of FRANCIS BRUEN, of No. 319 Sixth-avenue. The little one, it will be remembered, was at the time of its death supposed to have been killed by the father, who coming home drunk on the night in question, was believed too have lain on top of it. A post-mortem, however, revealed the fact that death had been produced by chronic bronchitis, although it was also evident that the disease had been permitted to make headway by neglect on the part of the parents, who were both shown to be habitual drunkards.

In the residence of Mrs. COLGAN, of No. 610 Flatbush-avenue, on Sunday night, the family were talking about the deeds of the unknown Eastern District assassin, when JOHN KELLY, a young man who was present on a visit, pulled a pistol out of his pocket and remarked that if the fellow came around he would get killed. He then carelessly struck the weapon against his arm, causing the charge to explode. The bullet passed through the breast of THOMAS COLGAN, son of the lady of the house. The wound, it is feared, will prove fatal.

The Board of Supervisors met yesterday and fixed the salaries of the clerks of the City Court, as follows: Chief Clerk, $4,000 per annum; Deputy, $2,500; Recording Deputy, $2,000, and Officer of Deputy, $1,500. A resolution was passed directing the proper officers to decorate the county buildings with flags and banners on the day set apart by the Common Council for the reception of the Irish exiles.

ISABELLA HAMMOND, aged five years, died at the residence of her parents in Degraw-street, near Classon-avenue, yesterday morning, of wounds received by burning on Sunday night. She had, it appears, been in company with some other children, been playing around a fire that they had started in an adjoining lot, when her clothes caught fire and the injuries in question were sustained.

NEW-JERSEY.

An indignation meeting of the prominent citizens of Greenville was held on Saturday evening, to protest against the action of the parties who have been instrumental in presenting a bill before the Legislature, in which a clause is inserted providing for the annexation of a part of Greenville to Jersey City. JOHN E. MIDENAR, SAMUEL BOSTWICK, and GUSTAVUS A. LILLIENDAHL were appointed to prepare a remonstrance, and request their representatives in the Legislature to use their influence in preventing the passage of the bill.

A middle-aged woman, named ANNIE BYINGTON, was found late Sunday night by Sergt. BENEDICT, sitting on a curb-stone at the corner of Canal and River streets, Newark. She was nearly frozen, and, having slipped and fallen on the ice, one of her limbs was terribly hurt, and she could not stand. She said her husband was a drunkard; that he neglected her and spent his earnings for rum, and that in searching for him she had brought herself to this pitiable condition. A hack was provided, and the woman is now receiving excellent care at St. Barnabas Hospital.

ELLEN BURNS died suddenly at Paterson on Sunday night. Some days ago she went to Paterson, from Brooklyn, and procured lodgings in a Mrs. GRANT's, stating that she was destitute, and has remained there ever since. She was about being received into the Almshouse on Saturday, but she became so weak and sickly that at the suggestion of the authorities Mrs. MCGEE agreed to keep her till yesterday. She gradually sank, however, and died Sunday night. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes. She leaves a husband in Brooklyn.

A German sailor named REIMER, belonging to the Bremen ship *Maine*, was found early yesterday morning lying in an insensible condition at the foot of the iron steps leading from the Ninth Ward, Jersey City, to Hoboken. The marks of brass knuckles were found upon his face and the back part of the head. He had somehow been waylaid and robbed. This is the second case of this kind which has occurred at this place within a short time.

JOSEPH HAWTHORNE was, yesterday, arrested on a warrant of City Judge MARTINDALE, of Jersey City, on a charge of beating and strangling his wife. HAWTHORNE has abused his wife, and threatened to take her life, because, by the advice of her friends, she refuses to place in his hands a small amount of money which belongs to her.

Yesterday morning the sexton of the Church of St. John the Evangelist discovered that the contribution boxes, which had been left over night with the money collected at the Sunday services, had been robbed of their contents. The amount stolen is not known. Entrance was effected by means of skeleton keys.

The sexton of the Paterson Church, yesterday, found a dead infant stowed away in a candle-box in the cemetery attached to that edifice. The coffin was partly filled with clay. Coroner BUTTERWORTH has taken charge of the remains.

Eighteen car-loads of tea and silks arrived at the New-Jersey Railroad depot, in Jersey City, on Sunday, from China, via San Francisco.

ARMY AND NAVY RECORDS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Fifteenth section of the act of Jan. 30, 1812, provided that: Whenever an officer or soldier shall be discharged from the service, except in the way of punishment, he shall be allowed his pay to the end of an adequate number of days, at the rate of twenty miles a day. The War Department and the Accounting Officers have always held that a discharge, to carry travel and